2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Department of Environmental Quality

Item 365	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Land Protection (50900)	**$33,624,990**	**$33,624,990**
Land Protection Permitting (50925)	$5,289,767	$5,289,767
Land Protection Compliance and Enforcement (50926)	$24,997,520	$24,997,520
Land Protection Outreach (50927)	$1,995,332	$1,995,332
Land Protection Planning and Policy (50928)	$1,342,371	$1,342,371
Fund Sources:		
General	$3,170,941	$3,170,941
Special	$1,776,840	$1,776,840
Trust and Agency	$13,079,769	$13,079,769
Dedicated Special Revenue	$8,405,988	$8,405,988
Federal Trust	$7,191,452	$7,191,452

Authority: Title 10.1, Chapters 11.1, 11.2, 12.1, 14, and 25; Title 44, Chapter 3.5, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the intent of the General Assembly that balances in the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund be used to meet match requirements for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund State Support Contracts.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-1422.3, Code of Virginia, $1,807,575 in the first year and $1,807,575 in the second year from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, and $250,000 in the first year and $250,000 in the second year from the Hazardous Waste Management Permit Fund within the Department shall be used for the costs associated with the Department's land protection and water programs. Such funds may be used for the purposes set forth in § 10.1-1422.3, Code of Virginia, at the Director's discretion and only as available after funding other land protection and water programs.

C. The Department shall revise the Virginia Waste Management Board's Financial Assurance Regulations for Solid Waste Disposal, Transfer and Treatment Facilities, 9VAC20-70. The regulations shall ensure that financial assurance is sufficient for design, construction, and operation of: i) a landfill cap, ii) leachate management, iii) gas collection and management and iv) other activities necessary to maintain the landfill in a manner that protects human health and the environment. The regulations shall also ensure that financial assurance is sufficient to address the possibility of an elevated temperature landfill. The regulations shall allow the Department to review any facility's financial assurance to ensure compliance and shall include enforcement provisions sufficient to enable the Department to achieve compliance. The regulatory actions necessary to effectuate the requirements of this item are hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). The Department shall complete such regulatory actions without further action by the Virginia

Waste Management Board.