

**Virginia Department of Planning
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB290

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: McDonnell, R.

3. Committee: Senate Transportation

4. Title: Establishment of the Intermodal Office of the Secretary of Transportation

5. Summary/Purpose:

Establishes the Intermodal Office of the Secretary of Transportation, consisting of a director, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, and such additional professionals as the Secretary of Transportation shall determine. It shall be the duty of the director of the office to advise the Secretary and the Commonwealth Transportation Board on intermodal issues.

6. Fiscal impacts are preliminary: See #8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

According to the Department of Transportation, there could be some costs associated with establishing this Intermodal Office. At a minimum, the office will consist of a director, a secretary, and one staff person. Salaries alone are estimated to equal or exceed \$200,000 annually. Office space to house these individuals may be either leased or secured from existing space within the Central Office complex, so these costs cannot currently be quantified at this time. Costs for office space would also include computer equipment, furnishings, etc. At this time, it appears that the department could absorb these costs within their existing budget, but would have to reduce spending in other areas to accommodate this expense.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VDOT, Office of the Secretary of Transportation

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: In its study, "Equity and Efficiency of Highway Construction and Transit Funding," the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission (JLARC) recommended that an Intermodal Office be established.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation