

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB998

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Mims

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill allows the Commonwealth to grant a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity to indemnify the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) against claims or damages associated with the Commonwealth's use of MWAA property where transportation facilities are constructed to the extent required in any agreement between the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and MWAA.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: preliminary, see Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

According to VDOT, by granting an easement to VDOT for Route 606, MWAA eliminated VDOT's need to spend a considerable amount of transportation funds to acquire the necessary right of way separately, which is a fiscal benefit to VDOT and the Commonwealth. SB988 could provide a level of protection from liability to MWAA, and eliminate the expense to the Commonwealth of providing insurance to MWAA in connection with any agreements it has with VDOT to construct, maintain, or operate transportation facilities. Potential savings could be reprogrammed back to other projects.

According to the Department of Aviation, there should not be a fiscal impact resulting from this bill on the agency.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VDOT, MWAA, and aviation.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation