

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB277

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Wampler

3. Committee House Transportation

4. Title VDOT acquired real estate.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Requires that the Department of Transportation (VDOT) mow the grass and remove weeds and debris on property acquired for the construction of a transportation project by the Department. Such activities shall be performed in accordance with the same schedules used for these activities on other right-of-way maintained by the Department in the same locality. At the written request of the governing body or a locality, the Department shall provide additional services on the property acquired for the construction of a transportation project including removal of abandoned vehicles. Such additional services shall be funded from the construction allocations to the project.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary, see item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The bill requires VDOT to mow the grass, as well as remove debris and weeds and, potentially, other maintenance services, if requested, on property taken for construction purposes. The maintenance services would be performed in accordance with the same schedule as followed on all other VDOT properties.

According to VDOT, they presently attempt to maintain all of the property and facilities under its jurisdiction in an orderly and safe manner. The legislation will apply the same standard that VDOT has for properties presently under its jurisdiction to properties taken for construction purposes.

Typically, it costs VDOT about \$50 per acre to mow grass and remove debris, which are performed, on average, between three to four times per year, but can vary depending on the location (high volume areas usually have these functions performed more often). Depending on the locality in which the construction properties are located, the bill will require that grass mowing and debris removal be performed on these properties a minimum of three to four times per year. The overall costs cannot be determined at this time. However, any funding required to pay for these services will come from construction funds.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VDOT.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation