## Department of Planning and Budget 2005 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number SB773	
	House of Orig	gin
	Second House	e In Committee Substitute Enrolled
2.	Patron	Bell
3.	Committee	Rules
4	Title	Virginia Arts, Culture and Historical Commission

## 5. Summary/Purpose:

Establishes the Virginia Arts, Culture, and Historical Commission (Commission) to replace the Commission for the Arts. The Commission will include the 13 current members of the Commission for the Arts and 13 additional members appointed by the Joint Rules Committee. The bill establishes the Commission as a policy commission to receive, allocate, and dispense funds for the support of the arts and designated cultural and historical organizations of the Commonwealth. The bill also provides for 3.125 percent of the net revenue generated by the sales and use tax to be allocated to the Commission to fund nonstate arts, cultural, and historic organizations.

- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** (preliminary) See Item 8.
- 7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes

## 8. Fiscal implications:

According to preliminary estimates by the Department of Taxation, this bill would divert \$101.4 million of sales tax revenue in fiscal year 2006 to the Commission that would otherwise be deposited into the general fund. This amount would be an increase of \$97.6 million over the current appropriation for the present Commission for the Arts in fiscal year 2006.

- **9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Commission for the Arts, Secretary of Education
- 10. Technical amendment necessary: No
- **11. Other comments:** This amount is the equivalent of \$13.73 for every Virginia resident<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on 2003 populations estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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cc: Secretary of Education