

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1474

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

2. **Patron** Carrico

3. **Committee** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title** Viral hepatitis; certain awareness program.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Viral hepatitis; certain awareness program. Requires the State Health Commissioner to establish and administer a viral hepatitis awareness program for the purpose of distributing information to Virginians who are at risk for exposure to viral hepatitis, with emphasis on the risks of viral hepatitis C (HCV) exposure and infection with HCV among Virginia's veterans. The State Health Commissioner is required to provide information by electronic means on the etiology, prevention, and effects of, as well as treatment and testing for, HCV and other viral hepatitis strains, with particular emphasis on veterans and infection with HCV. Upon request, hard copies of the information must be made available.

6. **No Fiscal Impact.**

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The bill would require an estimated 80 hours of contractual staff time to expand on hepatitis A, B, and C information found on the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) website. The contractor will modify fact sheets to provide more extensive information on hepatitis C and other viral hepatitis strains. VDH staff will mail pamphlets and brochures to military bases, veteran's hospitals and nursing homes, veteran's organizations, and the public. Approximately 50,000 brochures will be developed for veterans and an additional 50,000 pamphlets will be printed for the public. Total potential personnel and printing costs are estimated to be no more than \$18,800 for fiscal year 2007. A five percent increase in cost is predicted annually.

Contractual services: 80 hours x \$60 per hour = \$4,800

Printing services: 50,000 pamphlets for veterans x \$0.06 = \$3,000

50,000 pamphlets for the public x \$0.22 = \$11,000

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia Departments of Health and Veterans Services.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources