

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 651

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Puckett

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Air emissions control

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would require the State Air Pollution Control Board to promulgate regulations regarding emissions rates and limitations for nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide from electric generating units. The bill also would provide for the control of mercury emissions from electric generating units, coke ovens, and steel smelters. In addition, the bill would require the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a detailed assessment of mercury deposition in Virginia in order to determine whether particular circumstances exist that justify, from a health and cost and benefit perspective, requiring additional steps to be taken to control mercury emissions within Virginia. The assessment must also include (i) an evaluation of the state of mercury control technology for coal-fired boilers, including the technical and economic feasibility of such technology and (ii) an assessment of the mercury reductions and benefits expected to be achieved by the implementation of the federal Clean Air Interstate Rule and Clean Air Mercury Rule regulations. The preliminary assessment must be completed by October 15, 2007, and the final assessment must be completed by October 15, 2008.

6. Fiscal impact: There would be no significant fiscal impact associated with the regulatory requirements in the bill and any costs related to the preliminary mercury assessment and report could be funded from existing resources.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to HB 1055 as enrolled.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources