

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1685

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Toscano

3. Committee House Transportation

4. Title Primary system highway construction; Transportation Board to allocate funds therefor.

5. Summary/Purpose: The proposed legislation allows the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to allocate primary system highway construction funds to projects in cities and large towns, as long as the projects are on roadways contained in the National Highway System.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: None.

8. Fiscal implications:

The Code of Virginia classifies the Commonwealth's roadways into three funding systems: primary, secondary and urban. Generally, the primary system contains state maintained roads numbered 599 and below, excluding the interstate system. The secondary system consists of state-maintained roadways numbered 600 and above. Streets within municipalities maintained by cities and towns are grouped into the urban system. The municipal governing body determines projects and allocates funds in the urban system, while the CTB allocates funds to projects in the primary system. Decisions regarding projects and funding levels on the secondary system are made by the county boards of supervisors.

The proposed bill would allow the CTB to use funds for the primary system to fund road improvement projects on the urban system, provided those roadways are part of the National Highway System (NHS). Any such additional allocations made by the CTB are not to diminish the amount of urban system funds allocated to the locality.

The additional authority the proposed legislation grants to the CTB would not affect the amount of funding in the Transportation Trust Fund available for the primary and secondary systems, although it might impact the actual expenditures on the two systems.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Cities and towns with populations over 3,500, Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board

10. Technical amendment necessary: None.

11. Other comments: The bill is identical to SB 887.

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