

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB1942

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Purkey, H.

3. **Committee** Passed Both Houses

4. **Title** Administrative Process Act; economic impact analysis of regulations to members of G.A., report.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** HB 1942, Enrolled, would amend the *Code of Virginia* at §2.2-4007.H.2 to require that the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) distribute to members of the General Assembly copies of the Economic Impact Analysis of regulations that are currently posted on the Regulatory Town Hall website.

6. **No fiscal impact.** See Item 8, below.

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

8. **Fiscal implications:**

Current General Assembly Access to Economic Impact Analyses (EIAs)

In calendar 2006, DPB economists prepared Economic Impact Analyses (EIAs) on 125 non-emergency regulations. Legislators and their staff currently can access the EIAs in two ways:

- A one-time search of the Regulatory Town Hall website, found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/>)
- An automated notification, that the user must set up on the Town Hall, regarding EIAs of all or a selected type(s) of regulations

Direct Distribution of Economic Impact Analyses to Individual Legislators Pursuant to HB 1942

Within its current resources, DPB could distribute to every legislator either an electronic version of the EIA or a notification of its posting with appropriate World Wide Web link; this would be done via electronic mail at the same time that the EIA and the agency response are posted to the Regulatory Town Hall for public viewing. The distribution would occur after Executive Branch review of a proposed stage or fast-track regulation but before publication in the Virginia Register and the subsequent public comment period.

Cost of HB 1942

DPB anticipates that appropriate General Assembly staff will work with DPB to enable automated Town Hall electronic submissions to an electronic distribution list of current General Assembly e-mail addresses. Such distribution could be absorbed by the current DPB and DLAS budgets as part of their on-going information technology (IT) development and maintenance efforts.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

Department of Planning and Budget; all members of the General Assembly

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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