

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB3114

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Cosgrove

**3. Committee**    General Laws

**4. Title**         Aerospace Advisory Council; created.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill creates the Aerospace Advisory Council within the executive branch to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to promote the aerospace and space exploration industry in the Commonwealth.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Unavailable. See item 8 (below).

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** The proposed legislation establishes the Aerospace Advisory Council as an advisory council within the executive branch of government. The Council is to be comprised of 15 members, four of which will be legislators, seven citizen representatives of the aerospace and space exploration industry, one citizen representative from NASA's Langley Research Center, one citizen representative from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport, one citizen representative from Old Dominion University, and one citizen representative from Virginia Tech.

The bill provides that meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman or the majority of the Council, and specifies the responsibilities of the Council. The bill is silent with regard to Council staffing, as well as compensation for the members and any source of funding to cover Council expenses.

Assuming (1) semiannual meetings are held; (2) all 15 members attend each meeting; (3) each of the 15 members qualifies for per diem (§2.2-2813 provides for the compensation of members of boards, commissions, committees, councils and other collegial bodies who are appointed at the state level to be compensated at a rate of \$50 per day); and (4) each member will incur travel and lodging expenses for each meeting (average \$175 per meeting, per member), the annual fiscal impact of the legislation would be \$6,750.

While members of such councils are entitled to reimbursement, many do not seek reimbursement. If this holds true for the membership of this Council, the primary cost of the legislation would be staff support. It is anticipated that this cost would be minimal and could be absorbed.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** General Assembly, Old Dominion University, and Virginia Tech.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** The bill is silent with regard to Council staffing.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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**cc:** Secretary of Commerce and Trade