

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

1. **Bill Number** SB1202

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron** Wampler

3. **Committee** Passed both Houses

4. **Title** Emergency management and preparedness; mutual aid agreements.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Specifies that personnel, equipment, or supplies of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision may be used to assist another state upon written request of the chief executive of the other state. In addition, the bill authorizes the Governor to provide financial assistance to Virginia state agencies and political subdivisions that provide emergency aid to another state. The bill also increases from 29 to 34 the membership of the Secure Commonwealth Panel by adding the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia and four members from the business or industry sector.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** *FINAL*; See Item 8.

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

8. **Fiscal implications:** According to the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation would be negligible. The cost for each new member is not expected to exceed \$1,000 per year. Therefore, the proposed legislation is expected to cost the Commonwealth no more than \$5,000. The Commonwealth Preparedness Office will absorb this additional cost.

Regarding the mutual aid and sum sufficient language modifications, a fiscal impact is not expected since the Governor already has the authority to enter into mutual aid agreements with other states.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Emergency Management, state agencies, local governments.

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

11. **Other comments:** Similar to HB2304-ER.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety