

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB1116

House of Origin    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed  
Second House    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Abbitt

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

**4. Title:**    **Environmental impact reports**

**5. Summary:** The bill requires an environmental impact report be done for any major state construction project that will cost \$500,000 or more. The current threshold amount requiring such a report is \$100,000.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although the bill has the potential to reduce the number of projects requiring environmental impact reports under § 10.1-118, Code of Virginia, the Department of Environmental Quality expects that there will be no fiscal impact. The department staff work with a variety of impact review projects, including many with federal, or outside of §10.1-118, Code of Virginia, requirement for review. The bill may relieve the backlog of other program responsibilities for issuing updated guidance and conducting training.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Environmental Quality, state agencies.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The House amendments change the proposed minimum cost for projects from \$1 million to \$500,000.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources