

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB234

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

2. Patron: Whipple

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Greenhouse gas emissions; mandatory reporting.

5. Summary: The substitute bill requires that the State Air Pollution Control Board adopt regulations requiring the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. The regulations would apply only to those sources that emit more than a de minimis amount of greenhouse gas. The Board is also authorized to adopt regulations that require those same parties to report greenhouse gas emissions from fleets of motor vehicles. Beginning in 2009, the Virginia Department of Transportation is required to provide the Department of Environmental Quality with data necessary to maintain a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for individual road segments throughout the Commonwealth.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Environmental Quality, the bill will result in increased costs associated with the new emission data collection and data entry. The costs will be absorbed in the existing agency operations and budget.

The Department of Transportation states that the annual reporting to the Department of Environmental Quality may be accomplished without a fiscal impact. Vehicle miles traveled information will be collected triennially and updated in the interim using historical growth trends. If the department is required to collect vehicle miles traveled information each year, instead of using the model to estimate, then there will be a fiscal impact. The department's current modeling practice will be sufficient to meet the needs of the Department of Environmental Quality.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

cc: Secretary of Natural Resources
Secretary of Transportation