

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB43

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Miller, Y.B.

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Environmental impact reports; requires state or local authority to submit for major state projects**

5. Summary: The bill as engrossed requires environmental impact reports on highway or road construction, reconstruction, or improvement projects undertaken by the county, city, or town on projects estimated to cost more than \$1 million.

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 bill as introduced is identical to House Bill 1116.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources