

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB43

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

2. Patron: Miller, Y.B.

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

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

5. Summary: Requires an environmental impact report in connection with a local highway construction, reconstruction, or improvement project only when such a project is estimated to cost more than \$1 million. The current threshold amount requiring such a report is \$100,000. This bill is identical to HB 1259 .

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: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources