

Department of Planning and Budget
2008 Special Session II
Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB6025

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Frederick

3. Committee: House Rules

4. Title: **Highway maintenance by certain counties.**

5. Summary: Provides for allocation of funds by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to counties for maintenance of secondary highway system components functionally classified as local roads. Counties in which these roads are located would be solely responsible for their maintenance, subject to VDOT standards.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Unavailable

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, although new funding requirements would likely change VDOT program appropriations once estimated costs are calculated.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires the establishment and annual update of a maintenance cost index for distributing funds to counties to use for the maintenance of their secondary highway local roads. Given that this funding is to be provided prior to making allocations of maintenance funding to other state-maintained highways, it is possible that total funding needed for highway maintenance could increase.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All counties of the Commonwealth

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill would require counties to be responsible for the maintenance of secondary highway local roads presently maintained by VDOT. The responsibility would include the expense of administering the maintenance program, as well as purchasing equipment and materials. A data tool is available to localities as a result of work done by VDOT in 2006 and 2007 for localities to determine the costs of administering their program. The tool was tested by James City County and Stafford County. The James City County Board of Supervisors in 2007 voted to assume responsibility for the maintenance of local roads and Stafford County may assume a portion by creating urban transportation service district as authorized by HB 3202. The data tool is available online at http://www.virginiadot.org/business/LAD_devolution.asp.

This bill is identical to SB 6004.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation