

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1580

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

2. Patron: Oder

3. Committee: Senate Transportation

4. Title: **Hampton Roads Transportation Authority; abolishes Authority, and fees, etc. dedicated to financing.**

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would abolish the Hampton Roads Transportation Authority (the Authority) and the taxes, fees, and charges dedicated to financing its operation and programs. The bill would remove the ability of local governments within the boundaries of the former Authority to impose an additional tax on certain commercial and industrial property within the locality. Certain long-range planning duties are transferred from the Authority to the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: House Bill 3202 of the 2007 General Assembly session created the Hampton Roads Transportation Authority and identified several transportation projects the Authority was to construct with its revenue stream of regional taxes and fees. Such revenue streams were ruled unconstitutional by the Virginia Supreme Court in February 2008. The Authority has never collected any revenue. This bill would abolish the Authority. Any revenues from the local tax on certain commercial and industrial property would not affect state revenues.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Hampton Roads Transportation Authority, cities and counties in Hampton Roads, Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Similar to SB 1018, although that bill maintains the local governments' ability to impose an additional tax on certain commercial and industrial property and expands the membership of the Hampton Roads MPO to include General Assembly members.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation