

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB405

House of Origin	<u>  X  </u>	Introduced	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>      </u>	In Committee	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Oder

**3. Committee:** House Transportation

**4. Title:** Prohibition of tolls on portions of Interstate 64 and Interstate 664.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would prohibit the imposition and collection of tolls for use of (i) Interstate Route 64 between the Virginia Route 143 (Jefferson Avenue) interchange in the City of Newport News and the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel and (ii) Interstate Route 664 between Interstate Route 64 and the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to impose and collect tolls for the use of any component of the Interstate Highway System, in accordance with state and federal statutes. The proposed legislation would exempt the portions of Interstate 64 and Interstate 664 in Newport News and Hampton from potential toll imposition. Presently, there are no tolls in Virginia charged for the use of Interstate facilities.

The Virginia Department of Transportation recently signed an agreement with Fluor-Transurban under the provisions of the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (PPTA) to create High Occupancy Vehicle Toll (HOT) lanes, a concept which converts high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes into toll lanes. Under the concept, vehicles meeting certain occupancy requirements may enter the lanes for free, while vehicles with fewer passengers pay a toll to use the lanes. Proceeds from the tolls will be used by Fluor-Transurban to extend the HOV lanes and make other transportation improvements.

The portion of Interstate 64 identified in the proposed legislation contains HOV lanes. The proposed legislation would prohibit such a PPTA HOT lanes agreement for the HOV lanes in Hampton and Newport News.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Transportation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation