

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1018

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

**2. Patron:**        Miller, J.C.

**3. Committee:** House Transportation

**4. Title:**            **Hampton Roads Transportation Authority.**

**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 local governments within the Hampton Roads metropolitan planning area would retain the ability 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). The bill contains an enactment clause that would allow the MPO to vote to expand the membership of the MPO to include members of the General Assembly.

**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. The local revenue from the tax on certain commercial and industrial property does 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 HB 1580, except that bill does not retain the ability of local governments to impose an additional tax on certain commercial and industrial property and does not alter the membership of the MPO.

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