

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1310

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

**2. Patron:**        Hurt

**3. Committee:** Senate Committee for Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**         **Altavista Armory**

**5. Summary:** Authorizes the Governor to convey the Altavista Armory within Campbell County and the Town of Altavista to the Town of Altavista.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8)

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Altavista Armory, originally constructed in 1964, was closed by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in 1996 because the assigned National Guard unit was unable to maintain authorized unit strength. The County of Campbell agreed to continue utilization of the armory and to fund 100 percent of the Operations and Maintenance costs. In 2008, the County of Campbell informed DMA of their intent to vacate the armory because the facility was deteriorating and they were unwilling to put substantial funds into repairs without some guarantee they will have long term use of the facility.

The Armory is surplus property to DMA. DMA lacks the fiscal resources to maintain and repair the facility.

According to the Department of General Services (DGS), the property is assessed by the Campbell County Tax Assessor at \$738,900. DGS does not have a recent appraisal and thus no knowledge of the market value, which could be different from assessed value. If the property is conveyed to the Town of Altavista for an amount equal only to the property transfer cost, as authorized in the bill, the Commonwealth will lose any revenue that could have otherwise been generated from the sale of the property.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Military Affairs, Department of General Services and Town of Altavista

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No... If the bill does not go forward, the Governor has sufficient statutory authority to make a conveyance under §2.2-1150. If the bill does go forward, DGS recommends inserting in line 12 after "Governor" the phrase "or the Governor's designee pursuant to §2.2-1150" to allow approval of the transaction by the Secretary of Administration.

**11. Other Comments:** None

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