

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 970

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:** Senator Blevins

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Establish the non-use of safety belts as a primary offense.

**5. Summary:** This bill makes failure to use safety belts and shoulder harnesses a primary offense not requiring due cause by the police officer to stop the vehicle for some other violation of the *Code of Virginia* or local ordinance.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate (see Section 8)

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** N/A

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Currently, there is insufficient information available to reliably estimate how many violations could result from this proposed legislation. However, any fines collected under these provisions would be deposited in the Literary Fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** N/A

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** N/A

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to HB 2253, HB 2339, and SB 1161.

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