

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB276

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

2. Patron: Albo

3. Committee: House Transportation

4. Title: **Highway maintenance funds.**

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would require the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to allocate funds for highway maintenance on the basis of achieving a minimal level of disparity among highway construction districts in meeting asset performance standards in § 33.1-13.02, Code of Virginia. That Code section requires VDOT to prepare a report on the condition of and needs for maintaining and operating the existing transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth for all asset management and maintenance, based on an asset management methodology.

The Code of Virginia directs the CTB to allocate each year the funds it deems reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of state-maintained highways, city and town maintenance payments and payments to counties that have elected to withdraw from the state secondary system. If the amount necessary for maintenance is greater than the funds available, the CTB is authorized to transfer funding from the construction program.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the allocation of maintenance funds is based on meeting the needs as determined by the CTB. Although this proposed legislation has no impact on the total amount of maintenance funding, it may alter the allocation of maintenance funds if the focus shifts from meeting such needs to minimizing disparity among the recipients of the maintenance funds.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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