

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB627

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Kilgore

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Directory of cultural heritage sites.**

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to establish a state directory of cultural heritage sites that would be composed of commemorative and historic facilities and sites that interpret significant aspects of national, state, or regional history. The sites included in the directory would be those owned or operated by entities other than state agencies. The director would have the responsibility of evaluating whether the facility or site qualifies for inclusion in the directory and then presenting his findings to the Board of Conservation and Recreation, which makes its recommendations. The recommendations would be sent to the Governor for written consent. An amendment to this bill in the house of origin requires that the directory also provide information regarding the accessibility of each site to persons with special needs.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill directs the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to establish and maintain a state directory of cultural heritage sites. The directory is not to include any sites that are owned or operated by state agencies, and must contain information regarding the accessibility of the site to persons with special needs. DCR is to collect applications of eligible sites and determine whether the facility or site qualifies for inclusion in the directory. DCR is to maintain this directory on their website.

The bill also instructs the Department of Historic Resources and the Virginia Tourism Corporation to work with DCR in making these determinations.

It is anticipated that any costs incurred as a result of this bill can be absorbed by these agencies and no additional funding will be needed.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Historic Resources, and Virginia Tourism Corporation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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