

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB696

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

2. Patron: McWaters

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: **HOV lanes; military personnel.**

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would allow vehicles driven by active-duty military personnel in uniform to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in Hampton Roads without meeting the requisite number of passengers.

The provision only applies to HOV lanes in the Hampton Roads Planning District, which are located on Interstate 264 in Virginia Beach and Norfolk and Interstate 64 in Norfolk, Chesapeake, Hampton and Newport News. The bill would not become effective until approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would allow active-duty military personnel in uniform driving a vehicle to utilize HOV lanes without meeting the occupancy requirement. The legislation does not require the vehicle to bear a particular license plate or other identifying feature.

The Department of State Police does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation. No fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation is expected as the FHWA must approve this provision in order for it to be enacted.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia State Police, Department of Transportation, localities in Hampton Roads

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB759.

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