

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1602

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Peace

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Establishes a Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail.

5. Summary: This bill creates The Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail as a part of the national bicentennial of the War of 1812, 'the Second War of Independence,' to educate citizens concerning the significance of the war, Virginia's role in its successful outcome, the contributions of valiant Virginia historical and political leaders, and to commemorate the birth of 'The 'Star-Spangled Banner.' The trail encompasses existing and new War of 1812-related historic markers, battles and water routes, contributions of African Americans, the role of Native Americans, cemeteries in which Virginia veterans of the war are interred, Tangier Island, the Sack of Hampton, the capture of Alexandria, the Virginia Militia, the hiding of the Declaration of Independence, and other sites and events related to the War of 1812 throughout the state. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill establishes The Virginia War of 1812 Heritage Trail (the Trail) and lists historical markers, sites and places associated with the War of 1812 that are to be included.

The bill directs the Department of Transportation (VDOT) to erect Trail-related historical highway markers approved by the Board of Historic Resources. According to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), this bill would add 20 new historical highway markers, as all other historical highway markers mentioned by the bill are already established. All development costs associated with the 20 new highway markers listed by this bill are already budgeted for within DHR's current resources. However, the installation costs for these additional 20 historic highway markers are not currently provided for, and would result in a cost to VDOT. VDOT estimates the cost of installation for each of these markers, due to the need to outsource, at a cost of approximately \$3,000 per marker. This cost includes administration, review, engineering, inspection and actual installation costs at a specific site related to both historical highway markers and directional signs. The portion of the

installation costs associated with the directional signage at that site would be borne by the requesting locality and any remaining costs will be absorbed within VDOT's existing resources.

Should any localities request future historical highway markers for addition to the Trail, in accordance with § 10.1-2210, Code of Virginia, any historical highway markers requested by a locality are to be erected at the expense of that locality. The bill transfers authority to designate markers to the Trail to DHR after the expiration of the Commission of the War of 1812. It is unknown at this time how many additional markers would require state resources.

The bill also allows the erection of directional signs to sites that are identified as part of the Trail. The bill specifies that all costs associated with the manufacturing, erection, and maintenance of directional signs related to the Trail are also to be borne by the requesting party, namely the governing body of a local government, or historical organization or foundation with custodial responsibilities of the site. As such, any costs associated with directional signage are not anticipated to result in an impact on the state.

Finally, this bill requires the Director of DHR and the Commissioner of VDOT to serve on a committee directing the development of a common sign design for the trail. It is assumed that any administrative and staff costs associated with this requirement and by this bill in general can be absorbed within current agency resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: February 23, 2011
cc: Secretary of Transportation
Secretary of Natural Resources