

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1789

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: Tata

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Norfolk/Virginia Beach light rail project.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would amend Chapter 6 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 Special Session II. That chapter was created by the General Assembly to require the Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), to initiate a study of the extension of the Norfolk light rail system to the oceanfront in the City of Virginia Beach.

The bill clarifies that the mode of public transportation to be constructed to extend the proposed light rail system from Norfolk to Virginia Beach has not been preselected. The Virginia Beach Transit Extension Study is currently evaluating enhanced bus service, bus rapid transit and light rail as possible alternatives to extend the Norfolk light rail system.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill amends Chapter 6 to state that a public transportation project which extends the Norfolk light rail system is in the public interest and qualifies for public funding. The bill does not provide any funding for any alternatives identified by the study.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Transportation District of Hampton Roads, Department of Rail and Public Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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