

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1109

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: Hanger

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Use of inmate labor on interstate highways

5. Summary:

Current law authorizes the Department of Corrections (DOC) to use inmates in constructing and maintaining highways in the State Highway system and the secondary system of highways. The Code of Virginia defines the State Highway system as comprising the primary system of highways. It does not include interstate highways.

The proposed legislation would authorize DOC and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to use inmates for the maintenance of rest areas along the interstate highways.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications:

By using less expensive inmate labor to help maintain the interstate rest areas, VDOT may realize savings in its maintenance budget. Furthermore, the proposal could result in additional revenue for DOC to help cover inmate housing costs, because the two agencies have agreements for VDOT to pay DOC for the use of inmates in highway construction and maintenance. However, because it is not known to what extent the inmates will be used or the tasks for which they will be used, it is not possible to project how much VDOT will save or DOC will earn.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Corrections
Department of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB 2040, which has also passed both houses.

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