

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB599

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Northern Virginia Transportation District; Long-range planning.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to evaluate all significant transportation projects in and near the Northern Virginia Transportation District, including both highway and transit projects. The legislation mandates the evaluation to include at least 25 highway and mass transit projects, without regard to funding source, from specified Northern Virginia transportation plans. The proposed bill also requires the policies and priorities for funding projects be guided by performance-based criteria and that allocation of highway construction funds in Northern Virginia give priority to projects that most effectively reduce congestion in the most congested corridors and intersections.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would require the CTB, in coordination with the Department of Transportation (VDOT), the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to evaluate transportation projects in Northern Virginia. The costs related to the evaluation cannot be accurately identified at this time. A similar evaluation was recently conducted by VDOT in the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization. Assuming the use of similar analytical tools, methodologies and evaluation processes, VDOT tentatively estimates the cost of the evaluation to be between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 in non-general funds and anticipates it to take between 12 to 18 months. These costs can be absorbed within existing appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Commonwealth Transportation Board, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, local governments in Northern Virginia

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Similar to SB531 H1.

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