Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB1633
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron: Cosgrove
3.	Committee: Passed both houses
4.	Title: Local beautification projects.
5.	Summary: The proposed legislation would require localities to give at least 30 days' advance notice to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) prior to the installation of a local beautification project in the public right-of-way that may obstruct motorists' view of signage. The bill also requires any locality that violates the law in carrying out such project to bear the cost of bringing the project into compliance with the law. In addition, the bill changes the number of days a person or company may appeal local decisions on landscaping plans to the Commissioner of VDOT from 10 days to 30 days.
5.	Budget Amendment Necessary: None.
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.
8.	Fiscal Implications: The bill would require localities to notify VDOT if a beautification project may obstruct motorists' view of signage. The legislation is not expected to impact state finances.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Transportation, local governments.
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.
11.	. Other Comments: None.

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