

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2041

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Filler-Corn

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Fund for access roads and bikeways to public recreational areas and historical sites.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would replace the regulations governing the use of recreational access funds with guidelines. The funds assist localities to provide access to public recreational or historic areas owned by the Commonwealth of Virginia or local governments.

Regulations are general rules that are promulgated by state agencies and have the force of law. Guidelines are more flexible in their application.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would replace regulations with guidelines. The proposed legislation would likely reduce the amount of time needed to amend the provisions governing the funds. Less staff time is needed to change guidelines, since they can be changed by agencies at any time without outside review. Amending regulations requires public involvement, review by the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Planning and Budget, and approval from the Governor

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Departments of Transportation, Conservation and Recreation, Historic Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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