

**Department of Planning and Budget
2013 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB1121

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: Ruff

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Water and waste authorities; rates.

5. Summary: This bill clarifies the ability of a water or waste authority to fix rates for services that are furnished by a refuse collection and disposal system. The bill expands the list of rate-setting powers that require a public hearing by adding the rate-setting power found in subdivision 10 of § 15.2-5114, a power that includes the establishment of incentives for green roofs. The bill combines the two parallel processes found in current law for the setting of rates for sewage disposal and refuse collection, and it reduces the period for publication of notice of a rate-setting hearing from 60 days to 14 days. Finally, the bill provides that no rate established before January 1, 2013, shall be invalidated because of a failure to provide the required public notice.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill has no state fiscal impact; however, there may be some indeterminate impact on localities with regards to rate setting authority and public hearings.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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