

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB147

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stuart

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Department of Transportation; notice and public comment on projects.

**5. Summary:** Requires VDOT to post notice on its website and provide for public comment prior to undertaking a safety-related or congestion management transportation project and when a project is expanded or substantially altered. The bill also requires VDOT to hold a public hearing upon request.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although the number of projects undertaken, expanded or altered in each coming year is unknown at this time, the Department of Transportation (VDOT) has estimated that holding a public hearing adds an estimated \$77,024 to each project.

In addition, a notice of willingness to hold a public hearing would need to be published for each hearing which, according to VDOT could delay each project by approximately one to two months. If a public hearing was requested, a project could be delayed by an additional four to six months.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** VDOT

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.