Department of Planning and Budget
2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB883S1

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

2. **Patron:** Petersen

3. **Committee:** Finance

4. **Title:** Virginia-Korea Advisory Board.

5. **Summary:** Virginia-Korea Advisory Board. Establishes the Virginia-Korea Advisory Board to advise the Governor on ways to improve mutually beneficial trade relationships between the Commonwealth and the Republic of Korea (South Korea). The substitute bill provides a sunset provision of July 1, 2018.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes, see Item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates**: Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications**:
The Department of Planning and Budget is not able to estimate the potential fiscal impact associated with this legislation. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services. However, all members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of expenses of the members shall be provided by the Office of the Governor. The proposed legislation is similar to the statute establishing the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board (§ 2.2-2424, et. seg) Given this, the Virginia-Korea Advisory Board could be established similar to the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board, which employees a full-time director. Chapter 806, 2013 Acts of Assembly, provides $175,361 in FY 2014 for the Virginia-Israel Advisory Board (and HB 30/SB30, provides $200,272 in FY 2015, and $200,347 in FY 2016). These funds cover the operating expenses of the board, including the director's salary and benefits, travel, and several contractors. It is anticipated that if the proposed Virginia-Korea Advisory Board is similarly structured, then the fiscal impact could be comparable, and a budget amendment would be necessary.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected**: Office of the Governor.

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

11. **Other Comments**: The bill provides that the Office of the Governor shall serve as staff to the Board. In addition, the Virginia-Asian Advisory Board was established by the 2001 Session of the General Assembly, which is responsible for similar activities. Section 2.2-2448 establishes the Virginia-Asian Advisory Board.