

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB700

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

2. Patron: Miller

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Construction of highways; consider sea-level rise.

5. Summary: Requires the Commissioner of Highways to determine the effects of seal level rise on the programming and design of highway construction projects in Planning Districts 22 and 23. The determination shall consider the factors of project design life, alternative routes, anticipated travel delays, evacuation and emergency response times, traveler safety, expenditure of public funds, scope of the project, interconnectivity issues and environmental constraints. The Commissioner must make timely determination of these effects and shall make the findings known to the executive leadership of the impacted locality or localities and available on publicly accessible media sites.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Transportation, it is impossible to determine the extent of the fiscal impact of this legislation. However, for affected projects costs will increase if sea level rise is to be addressed. There also may be an increase to maintenance and operations budgets that are associated with affected projects. Costs for developing reports addressing factors in this legislation for all associated projects could also add to project development costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.