

**Department of Planning and Budget
2017 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1659

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

2. Patron: Habeeb

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Workers' compensation; employer's lien; third party actions.

5. Summary: Requires that the Workers' Compensation Commission and the injured employee approve of any arbitration, including any associated with the employer's lien. The measure also prohibits an employer from initiating a proceeding to recover its lien against any party other than an employee without prior notice to the Commission and the injured employee. In any such proceeding, the injured employee or the personal representative or dependents of the deceased employee shall be permitted to intervene as a matter of right.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, Department of Human Resource Management, Attorney General and Department of Law, and localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to Senate Bill 1175 (Chafin).