

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2146

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

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); Freedom of Information Advisory Council; public comment.

5. Summary: The bill requires the Freedom of Information Advisory Council to develop an online public comment form to be posted on its official public government website to enable any requester to comment on the quality of assistance provided to the requester by a public body. The bill also requires all state public bodies subject to the provisions of FOIA and any county or city, and any town with a population of more than 250, to post a link on its official public government website to the online public comment form.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill is not expected to present an impact to the Commonwealth. There are minimal costs to the Division of Legislative Services for the development of an online public comment form, but the agency expects to be able to absorb those costs within existing appropriations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Freedom of Information Advisory Council; the Division of Legislative Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.