

**Commission on Local Government**

**Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact**

2018 General Assembly Session

**Bill:** HB1004

**Patron:** Byron

**Date:** 1/19/2018

In accordance with the provisions of §30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of the above-referenced legislation:

**Bill Summary:**

Provides that localities shall provide for full waivers of certain stormwater charges for public use airport runways and taxiways.

**Executive Summary:**

Localities have evaluated a negative fiscal impact ranging from \$0.00 - \$242,000.00. However it should be noted that most localities that responded noted that this bill would have little to no fiscal impact because they do not have Airport facilities or do not charge fees for stormwater for airport facilities. Some localities noted that the bill could result in additional legislation in the future where others may ask for waivers.

**Local Analysis:**

**Locality:** Augusta County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

Although Augusta County does not currently have a service charge for stormwater maintenance, it would be a slippery slope to exempt airports from such a fee. What other entity would be added to the list next? Entities should be treated the same and required to reduce stormwater pollution. Exempting in full or part certain entities would put a financial burden on the locality and other entities who are required to pay the stormwater fee.

**Locality:** Botetourt County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

Botetourt County

The County has no airports.

**Locality:** City of Covington

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

No airport facilities in the city at this time nor projections of such facilities in the near future.

**Locality:** City of Danville

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

The City of Danville does not currently charge a fee and also owns the general aviation airport. This would not have an impact.

**Locality:** City of Harrisonburg

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

Although there is no financial impact to the city, the city opposes this bill. The city does not have an airport within it corporate limits, however, this can be viewed as similar to a railroad or other entity attempting to be considered exempt from stormwater fees thus increasing the burden on other ratepayers. Airports currently have the ability to reduce their fee by installing stormwater control features that will effectively address the pollutants that run from the airport pavement. The city is concerned that this legislation will encourage other special interests to seek similar waivers and exemptions by legislation.

**Locality:** City of Martinsville

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$1.00

No impact on our locality as we have neither runways or taxiways.

**Locality:** City of Roanoke

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$242,000.00

Roanoke Airport is one of 39,284 Stormwater Utility customers in Roanoke. If this proposed bill is successful, 39,283 other Stormwater Utility Customers will see an annual fee increase of approximately 3.96%

**Locality:** City of Virginia Beach

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

The estimated impact is reflected as \$0 due to an unknown cost of this bill. Currently, the City is in the process of implementing mandated requirements associated with the Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. To fully implement these changes and to address flood control issues, the City is undergoing a series of rate increase. Any negative impact on the revenue stream within the Stormwater enterprise fund would be opposed.

**Locality:** City of Winchester

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

No airport located in City

**Locality:** County of Henrico

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

Henrico County does not assess a stormwater fee or charge, so there would be no fiscal impact for the County from this bill.

**Locality:** Fairfax County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

The fiscal impact for Fairfax County is expected to be minimal. However, the legislation could result in additional legislation in the future where others might ask for waivers.

**Locality:** Prince George County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

Prince George County does not have public use airport runways or taxiways for which stormwater fees are imposed according to our County Assessor. The fiscal impact of this proposed legislation to Prince George County is \$0.

**Locality:** Rockingham County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

No impact. The County does not currently charge stormwater fees.

**Locality:** Spotsylvania County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

No financial impact.

**Locality:** Town of Christiansburg

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

The Town of Christiansburg does not contain any public use airport runways or taxiways, therefore this would not effect us.

**Locality:** Town of Culpeper

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$0.00

This does not impact Town - we do not have public use airport runways and taxiways.

**Locality:** Wise County

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$100.00

Very limited impact to Wise County.

**Professional Organization Analysis:**

**Organization:** Accomack-Northampton Planning District  
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No public use airports or airport expansions are expected to be constructed in the foreseeable future.

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**Organization:** Commissioners of Revenue Association of VA

No position

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