

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1534

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: Bell, Richard P.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Department of Health; means of protecting the public from cancer caused by radon.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Health (VDH) to determine the most effective means of protecting the public from cancer caused by exposure to radon, including the proper protocols to be used for maintaining equipment used to test for radon, to give consideration to the potential conflicts of interest that may exist in cases in which a single entity undertakes testing for and mitigation of radon, and to report its findings to the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by December 1, 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact this bill would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined at this time. The provisions of the bill require VDH to develop a study and include regulations for radon testing and mitigation. Programs within the Office of Radiological Health are funded by nongeneral fund revenues and federal grants. Currently the only staff member with the necessary skills available to perform the study is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State Indoor Radon Grant. The EPA has already accepted VDH's budget plan for the State Indoor Radon Grant and the Radon Coordinator. It is not known at this time if it would be permissible under the grant guidelines or if the EPA would approve of a change in the grant's budget plan to accommodate additional duties of the Radon Coordinator.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.