

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB656

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed

**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

2. **Patron:** LaRock

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Telecommunications; Dept. of Historic Resources to convene work group to review Sect. 106.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to convene a stakeholder work group to study the efficiency of the review process as it issued in telecommunications projects with regard to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the effects of certain projects upon historic properties in association with Federal Communications Commission applications and to report its findings to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2018.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, please see item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018	n/a	n/a	n/a
2019	\$12,600	1	General Fund
2020	n/a	n/a	n/a
2021	n/a	n/a	n/a
2022	n/a	n/a	n/a
2023	n/a	n/a	n/a
2024	n/a	n/a	n/a

8. **Fiscal Implications:** DHR has indicated that it does not have the staff capacity to convene and lead a work group. The agency lacks a full-time staff dedicated to the review of telecommunications projects. DHR noted that its Review and Compliance staff have experienced an increased workload as a result of pipeline projects and the James River Transmission Line project. To convene and lead a stakeholder workgroup, the agency anticipates that it would need to hire a part-time staff member with a background in the Section 106 review process.

The fiscal impact estimates for this bill are based on the convention of three stakeholder work group meetings. The rental space for each meeting is expected to cost \$200, resulting in a

total of \$600. The agency anticipates needing a part-time staff member for 6 months at a rate of \$25 per hour and 20 hours per week, totaling 480 hours and \$12,000. Thus, the expenditure impact of this bill is expected to total \$12,600.

HB/SB30 includes additional funds for the division that oversees the Section 106 review process. It is anticipated that DHR can absorb the one-time cost of \$12,600 within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Historic Resources.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to House Bill 606, and the companion to Senate Bill 166 and Senate Bill 189.