

## Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1695

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

**2. Patron:** Wagner

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Public utilities; acquisition of rights-of-way for economic development sites.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes a public utility providing water, sewer, electric, or natural gas service to propose an Economic Development Program (Program) under which it may acquire utility right-of-way for one or more qualified economic development sites. A proposal for a Program is required to include an analysis of how acquiring the rights-of-way will enhance the Commonwealth's infrastructure and promote the Commonwealth's competitive business environment by improving the readiness of a qualified economic development site. The measure establishes criteria for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to certify that a site is a qualified economic development site. The State Corporation Commission (SCC) is authorized to approve a proposal for a Program that satisfies certain conditions, including findings that (i) implementation of the Program will provide significant economic development benefits that might not otherwise be attained absent its approval and (ii) the Program is designed only to acquire utility rights-of-way to a qualified economic development site and not to provide service to other customers or potential customers. A utility's capital investment is capped at one percent of gross plant investment in the aggregate of all of the utility's Programs and at \$5 million for any specific qualified economic development site.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact resulting from this bill on the State Corporation Commission and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership will be minimal and can be absorbed within current resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Corporation Commission; Virginia Economic Development.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.