

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB959

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: Bourne

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Establishing a resilience hub pilot program.

5. Summary: This bill directs the Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to establish a two-year resilience hub pilot program to assist vulnerable communities during emergency situations that require evacuation. The bill defines a resilience hub as a simple combination of solar panels and batteries that ensures continuous power to a publicly accessible building when severe weather events or other grid disruptions cause an electrical outage.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 410.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires VDEM to establish up to three resiliency hubs each year of the two-year pilot program. According to VDEM, it would cost between \$150,000 and \$250,000 to procure each resiliency hub, which is based on Urban Sustainability Directors Network data. Procuring six such resiliency hubs (three per year) would cost between \$900,000 and \$1,500,000. In addition, VDEM estimates that it would need \$50,000 to hire a contractor to assist in developing the program.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None