

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2020 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB153

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

**2. Patron:** Richard H. Stuart

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses.

**4. Title:** Virginia Freedom of Information Act; cost estimates; response time.

**5. Summary:** The enrolled bill provides that if a requester asks for a cost estimate in advance of a Virginia Freedom of Information Act request, the time to respond is tolled for the amount of time that elapses between notice of the cost estimate and the response from the requester, and that if the public body receives no response from the requester within 30 days of sending the cost estimate, the request shall be deemed to be withdrawn. The bill clarifies that if a cost estimate exceeds \$200 and the public body requires an advance deposit, the public body may require the requester to pay the advance deposit before the public body is required to process the request. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** No Fiscal Impact

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill presents no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** All state agencies.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.