

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1811

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Helmer

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Public Procurement Act; preference for energy-efficient and water-efficient goods.

5. Summary: Provides that in the course of procuring goods, if a public body receives two or more bids for products that are Energy Star certified, meet Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) designated efficiency requirements, appear on FEMP's Low Standby Power Product List, or are WaterSense certified, such public body may only select among those bids.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: A state fiscal impact cannot be determined as it would depend on knowing which state public bodies are procuring such products, the number of such products procured, and the types of products (efficient or non-efficient) submitted by bidders. In general, energy-efficient and water-efficient products may have a higher upfront cost compared to products lacking those designations, which is generally offset by lower electric or water utility costs over the life of the product. Any such fiscal impact would be depend on the situation surrounding the individual procurement and is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: This bill as written applies to all public bodies subject to the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA). This bill does not apply to higher education institutions operating under Management Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding in the operational area of procurement (currently eleven Level III and Level II institutions). Additionally, this bill will not apply to local public bodies that have exempted themselves from the VPPA as authorized by Va. Code §2.2-4343 (9, 10, 11).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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