

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2286

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: VanValkenburg

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; campaign finance; contribution limits; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Establishes contribution limits from any individual to any candidate campaign committee, political action committee, and political party committee and from any political action committee or political party committee to any campaign committee. The bill provides that any candidate, candidate campaign committee, political action committee, political party committee, or contributor that knowingly violates the contributions limits established by the bill is subject to a civil penalty of up to two times the amount by which the contribution exceeds the limit. The bill prohibits any person that is not an individual from making any contribution to any candidate for elected office.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Elections.

This bill would authorize the State Board of Elections to assess and collect a civil penalty from anyone who is found to be in violation of contribution limits up to two times the amount by which the contribution exceeds the limit. The civil penalty shall be payable to the State Treasurer and deposited into the general fund. This bill may have a revenue impact, though the number and amounts of any civil penalties assessed and collected cannot be determined.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections and State Board of Elections.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

January 25, 2023