

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2348

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Webert

**3. Committee:** Conference

**4. Title:**    Animal testing facilities; noncompliance with federal laws and regulations; civil penalty.

**5. Summary:** Requires an animal testing facility or contract testing facility, as defined in the bill, or manufacturer that uses an animal test method to display a link to its annual report, as submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Animal Welfare Act, on the homepage or landing page of the facility's or manufacturer's website on or before December 1 for the preceding federal fiscal year. Also requires any animal testing facility to make certain inspection reports publicly available by displaying a link to access such reports on the home page or landing page of the animal testing facility's website or, if such animal testing facility does not have a website, making such information available by means of a press release or other similar publication. The bill requires any animal testing facility operated by an institution of higher education that receives a citation for critical noncompliance, as defined in the bill, under the Animal Welfare Act or regulations adopted thereunder, to notify the leadership of such institution including the president, dean, and board of visitors or board of trustees. The provisions of the bill do not apply to any federal facility or privately owned licensed veterinary practice.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill is not anticipated to impact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This bill places additional reporting requirements on any public institution of higher education that operates an animal testing facility. The University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Virginia Commonwealth University anticipate additional reporting requirements that can be absorbed with current resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is the companion to SB1217.