

**Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1971

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Atthey

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Consolidation of The Science Museum of Virginia and the Virginia Museum of Natural History

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill provides for the consolidation of the Science Museum of Virginia and the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The bill transfers the administration and operation of the Virginia Museum of Natural History to the board of trustees of the Science Museum of Virginia. This bill is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Operations, Practices, Duties, and Funding of the Commonwealth's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Other Governmental Entities pursuant to HJR 159(2002).

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: This bill is generally consistent with the proposed consolidation of these two agencies in the 2002 -2004 Governor's introduced amended budget. Language has been added to the Appropriation Act to allow for the consolidation of these two state agencies.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: The Science Museum of Virginia and the Museum of Natural History

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: This bill is the same as House Bill 1061.

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cc: Secretary of Education