

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1544H1

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

**2. Patron** Committee substitute (Patrons prior to substitute: Howell, W.J. and Griffith)

**3. Committee** Rules

**4. Title** Houdon statue.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill places molds of Jean-Antoine Houdon's statue of George Washington under the care of the State Librarian, and provides a procedure for authorizing future uses of molds with royalties payable to the Virginia Capitol Preservation Foundation. The bill also makes unauthorized uses subject to the penalties for damaging library property under § 42.1-72.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** cannot be determined, but are expected to be minimal.  
Please see item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The proposed legislation presents an opportunity to discover where existing molds and patterns of the Houdon statue are, and to institute systematic procedures for requesting and acquiring permission to use the molds. Implementation would entail some travel for research purposes to institutions having copies of the statue. Implementation would also require that the library establish procedures for royalties for the use of the molds. This would be new territory for the Library of Virginia, and library staff would research how other individuals and institutions handle royalties. As of now, library staff anticipates that there would be limited demand for full-scale copies of the statue and therefore limited royalties for the Capitol Preservation Foundation. The Library would, however, also explore procedures and practices for the production and marketing of smaller-scale replicas as products available through the commonwealth. Development, marketing, and other costs associated with this initiative are not yet known.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Library of Virginia and Library Board, Office of the Governor, and Joint Rules Committee of the General Assembly.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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**cc:** Secretary of Education