

Department of Planning and Budget 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1658

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Alexander

3. Committee Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title Real property; survey of property required when purchased by public bodies

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill requires state and local public bodies, whenever acquiring a fee simple interest in real property, to have a survey of the subject property completed prior to the purchase.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: Fiscal impact estimates are indeterminate. State agencies are required, by policy, to obtain surveys before acquiring fee simple interest in real estate, although they are not currently required to commission the surveys. In some cases, the requirement for a recent survey is waived by the Department of General Services (DGS). Such waivers are typically associated with large acreages where the cost of a new survey (sometimes \$40,000 to \$60,000) would outweigh the benefits, such as in the case of a gift or bargain price.

It is indeterminate how many future acquisitions the bill will affect. This bill reduces the flexibility of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions to make a business decision to undertake a survey based upon the cost and benefit of conducting such a survey.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: All agencies and political subdivisions, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Department of Forestry

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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