

Department of Planning and Budget
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB 1713

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 Lewis

3. Committee Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title Projects financed by the Virginia Resources Authority

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill would expand projects that could be financed through the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) to include programs or projects for land conservation or land preservation, including but not limited to any program or project involving the acquisition of rights or interests in land for the conservation or preservation of such land.

6. Fiscal impact: While the bill would impact the types of projects that could be financed through VRA, it would not affect the total dollar amount of projects that could be financed. The Authority's current moral obligation debt limit is \$900 million. The bill would have no general fund or nongeneral fund fiscal impact because VRA, as established, is "off the books of the Commonwealth." The Authority is totally self-sufficient and covers its expenses with administrative fees from the various programs it administers. If localities choose to finance a land conservation or land preservation program or project through VRA, they could benefit from reduced borrowing costs, thereby decreasing the financial burden to borrowers and local taxpayers. Depending on the size and complexity of the program(s) developed to support this initiative, there could be administrative costs to VRA.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Resources Authority.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is identical to the introduced version of HB 2694 and SB 1211.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary of Finance