

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1116

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Abbitt

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Environmental impact reports**

5. Summary: The bill requires an environmental impact report be done for any major state construction project that will cost \$1 million or more. The current threshold amount requiring such a report is \$100,000.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although the bill has the potential to reduce the number of projects requiring environmental impact reports under § 10.1-118, Code of Virginia, the Department of Environmental Quality expects that there will be no fiscal impact. The department staff work with a variety of impact review projects, including many with federal, or outside of §10.1-118, Code of Virginia, requirement for review. The bill may relieve the backlog of other program responsibilities for issuing updated guidance and conducting training.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality, state agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The bill is identical to Senate Bill 43.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources