

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB632

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

**2. Patron:**        May

**3. Committee:** Science and Technology

**4. Title:**         Projects financed by the Virginia Resources Authority

**5. Summary:** This bill clarifies that the Virginia Resource Authority (VRA) may be used as a funding mechanism for all projects involving the provision of broadband services, and not just those utilizing wireless broadband technologies.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** 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. VRA's current moral obligation debt limit is \$900 million. VRA's moral obligation debt outstanding as of September 30, 2007 was approximately \$677 million. The bill would have no general fund or nongeneral fund fiscal impact because VRA, as established, is "off the books of the Commonwealth." VRA is totally self-sufficient and covers its expenses with administrative fees from the various programs it administers. VRA does not anticipate any significant changes to its workload as a result of this bill.

According to the Virginia Information Technology Agency, they do not expect to experience any fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Resources Authority

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** If localities choose to finance projects involving the provision of broadband services through VRA, they could benefit from reduced borrowing costs, thereby decreasing the financial burden to borrowers and local taxpayers.

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