

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB234

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

2. Patron: Whipple

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: **Greenhouse gas emissions; mandatory reporting.**

5. Summary: The bill requires that the State Air Pollution Control Board adopt regulations requiring the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. The regulations would apply only to those sources that emit more than a de minimis amount of greenhouse gas and that are already required to report emissions of other air pollutants. The Board is also authorized to adopt regulations that require those same parties to report greenhouse gas emissions from fleets of motor vehicles. Beginning in 2008, the Virginia Department of Transportation is required to provide the Department of Environmental Quality with data necessary to maintain a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for individual road segments throughout the Commonwealth.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Environmental Quality, the bill will result in increased costs associated with the new emission data collection and data entry. The costs will be absorbed in the existing agency operations and budget.

The Department of Transportation states that the annual reporting to the Department of Environmental Quality will require additional expenditures to either outsource the work or hire a part-time or full-time employee (depending on the workload). According to the department, these costs are estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources
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