

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1880

House of Origin	<u>  X  </u>	Introduced	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>      </u>	In Committee	<u>      </u>	Substitute	<u>      </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Miller, P.J.

**3. Committee:** House Transportation

**4. Title:** Department of Rail and Public Transportation; responsible for safety of rail fixed guideway transit system.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation would make the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) responsible for ensuring the safety of rail fixed guideway transit systems within the Commonwealth and carrying out state safety and security oversight responsibilities for rail fixed guideway transit systems as required by the Federal Transit Administration and federal law.

**6. No Fiscal Impact.**

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Federal Transit Administration requires states that have rail fixed guideway transit systems to conduct safety and security oversight responsibilities for the systems. The requirements pertain to light rail and heavy rail mass transit systems. Currently, the only such system in the Commonwealth is the Metrorail system operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The oversight responsibilities for the system is performed by a tri-state committee that Virginia participates in with Maryland and the District of Columbia.

When the light rail system in Hampton Roads becomes operational, Virginia will need to perform the oversight responsibilities. The proposed legislation would codify DRPT's role in the oversight and comply with federal regulations. The inspections necessary to perform the safety and security oversight can be absorbed in the agency's current budget.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Rail and Public Transportation

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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**cc:** Secretary of Transportation