

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1145

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 that consume carbon-emitting feedstocks. 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. To the extent possible, reporting requirements will incorporate standards and protocols developed by other widely recognized and verified greenhouse gas inventory programs. Beginning in 2010, 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 roads throughout the Commonwealth. The Board is also authorized to establish a voluntary program allowing persons to register voluntary reductions in direct or indirect emissions of greenhouse gases. The voluntary program may include the reporting of reductions in emissions from motor vehicle fleets owned by persons otherwise required to report emissions from stationary sources.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. 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  
Secretary of Transportation