

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1238

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: Barker

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would grant the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), in procuring architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation construction projects, the same procurement powers granted to the VDOT Commissioner by the Virginia Public Procurement Act. The VDOT Commissioner is authorized to sign contracts for architectural or professional engineering services at higher amounts than is authorized for other state agencies.

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

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would permit the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to sign contracts for architectural and engineering services at higher amounts than other state agencies. The proposed legislation would authorize DRPT to enter into a single contract for multiple projects if it is more economical than multiple procurements. Any potential savings cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation