

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1491

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Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Albo

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Highway maintenance funds; requires CTB to allocate funds on basis of achieving level of disparity.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would require the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to consider allocating funds for highway maintenance on the basis of achieving a minimal level of disparity among highway construction districts in meeting the asset performance standards in §33.1-13.02, Code of Virginia. That Code section requires VDOT to prepare a report on the condition of and needs for maintaining and operating the existing transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth for all asset management and maintenance, based on an asset management methodology.

Before the CTB makes such an allocation, the bill directs the CTB to release a document for public review which compares that allocation with an allocation of funds by construction district based entirely on the asset performance standards established in §33.1-13.02, Code of Virginia.

The Code of Virginia directs the CTB to allocate each year the funds it deems reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of state-maintained highways, city and town maintenance payments and payments to counties that have elected to withdraw from the state secondary system. If the amount necessary for maintenance is greater than the funds available, the CTB is authorized to transfer funding from the construction program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the allocation of maintenance funds is based on meeting the needs as determined by the CTB. If the CTB was to allocate maintenance funding on the basis of minimizing disparity among construction districts, the allocation of maintenance funds between construction districts may change.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB 1884 and similar to SB 1044.

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