

**Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB1957

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

2. Patron: Rust

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Powers and duties of CTB.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would increase the value of contracts the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation may approve administratively to \$5 million. Currently all contracts above \$2 million require the approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).

The bill also has a second enactment that requires the statewide transportation plan to be updated every four years. Currently, with the update required every five years, some governors may not have an opportunity to amend the plan during their administration. The bill also clarifies that the location of routes is the responsibility of the CTB only for those roads within the CTB's purview and does not apply to local roads in localities responsible for their road systems. The legislation removes some outdated Code references related to outdoor movie theaters and VDOT personnel serving as special policemen.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The authority for the agency heads of VDOT and DRPT to approve contracts of higher value may streamline government efficiency since the contracts will not be delayed until the next CTB meeting. Any savings generated would be retained by the agencies and put toward other transportation priorities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to SB135.

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