Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1998

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

2. **Patron:** LeMunyon

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Northern Virginia Transportation District; long-range planning.

5. **Summary:** The proposed legislation would require the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to rate, using transportation modeling methods, all significant transportation projects in and near the Northern Virginia Transportation District in regards to the total amount of reduction in traffic congestion in the region and the amount of congestion reduction achieved per the dollar cost of the project. The analysis is to include at least 25 highway or mass transit projects, without regard to funding source, from a variety of state and regional transportation plans. The analysis is to produce two lists, each with at least five projects, that contain the projects which will best reduce congestion and will maximize the response to a homeland security emergency.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: None.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal impact of this bill cannot be determined at this time. The proposed legislation would increase the amount of modeling currently performed by VDOT staff and consultants on planned transportation projects in Northern Virginia. Any additional cost to VDOT would have to be covered by existing funding sources, which may require a reprioritization of the agency's funding.

   In 2007, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management modeled the evacuation of Hampton Roads in response to an approaching hurricane, which is similar to the requirement contained in this legislation regarding plausible homeland security emergency scenarios. The transportation element of the hurricane evacuation model, which used the existing roadway network, cost $160,000.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, Alexandria, City of Fairfax, Falls Church, Department of Transportation

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** The bill requires the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to report on funds deposited to an account pursuant to §58.1-604.5, Code of

Virginia. That Code section, created pursuant to 2002 legislation authorizing a regional sales tax referenda in Northern Virginia, has been deleted since the referenda failed to pass.

11. Other Comments: None

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