Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2240

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

2. **Patron:** Torian

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Governor's Development Opportunity Fund; criteria for awarding grants or loans.

5. **Summary:** Expands the options that a grant or loan may be awarded from the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund (GOF) by including proposed project that involve (i) a minimum private investment of $50 million creating 50 jobs for which the average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than the prevailing average wage, or (ii) a minimum private investment of $100 million creating 25 jobs for which the average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than the prevailing average wage. The bill also provides that if a project represents an emerging technology deemed to be of benefit to the Commonwealth and creates a minimum of 25 jobs for which the average wage, excluding fringe benefits, is no less than one and one half times the prevailing average wage of the local community, a grant or loan may be awarded from the Fund.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary.** See item 8, below.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** While total spending from the GOF is limited to the amount of available appropriation; however, lowering the qualification threshold may increase demand for the fund. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership is unable to estimate the extent to which this may occur as the companies that would qualify for the GOF under the provisions of the bill do not currently qualify and therefore there is no historical data from which to base an estimate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** HB2234 is a companion to this bill.

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