Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1278

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: McWaters

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Airport licensing

- **5. Summary:** This bill provides for the removal of natural growth at "grandfathered" airports that are already licensed. This bill improves the safety of operations at Virginia's airports. The bill also includes technical amendments.
- **6. Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes, Item 437.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

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Fiscal Year	Dollars	Positions	Fund
2011	\$250,000	-	Aviation Special Fund
2012	\$500,000		Aviation Special Fund

- **8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Aviation will require an appropriation for the use of existing Aviation Special Fund cash balances in order to issue grants to the 23 airports that require removal of vegetation. It is expected that removal will take the remainder of FY 2011 and FY 2012.
- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Aviation, 66 licensed public-use airports and their respective localities that benefit from Aviation Special Fund programs. The 66 public-use airports range in size and scope from a Commercial Service airport such as Norfolk International to a General Aviation such as Virginia Highlands in Abingdon.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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