

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1953

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Poindexter

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: U.S. Route 58 Corridor Development Program; issuance of bonds.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would amend the maximum amount of bonds that may be issued under the program. The bill would change the authorization from an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$704.3 million to a principal amount not exceeding \$704.3 million outstanding at any time. The bill also gives priority to specified projects in the development program.

The Route 58 Corridor Development Program was created in 1989 to widen Route 58 to four lanes from Virginia Beach to Interstate 77. Work began on the east coast and proceeded westward. There are currently approximately 20 miles remaining in the project.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation does not increase the overall cap on the bonds from \$704.3 million, but the revolving nature of the authorization increases the amount of debt outstanding each time, since new bonds will be issued as old bonds are retired.

As of May 15, 2013, the outstanding bonds for the Route 58 Corridor Development Program will be \$378.1 million, leaving \$326.2 million available to be issued if this bill is enacted. Debt service on the outstanding bonds is approximately \$50 million per year until fiscal year 2019, when it begins to diminish as various series of bond are paid off. If all of the \$326.2 million was issued at once, annual debt service would increase by approximately \$20 million, bringing the annual debt service on the Route 58 Corridor Development Program bonds to approximately \$70 million. Item 450 B.1. of the 2012 Appropriation Act provides for the payment on the currently outstanding bonds. In FY2013, \$40 million is provided from the general fund and \$13 million is provided from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). It is likely that debt service on this new authorization of bonds will require an increased transfer from the TTF to pay for the increased debt service.

Any debt issued pursuant to this legislation would impact the state's debt capacity. The impact on debt capacity would depend on the amount of debt issued for the Route 58 program.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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