

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2170

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: Cole

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Public procurement; posting by local public bodies of procurement opportunities.

5. Summary: The bill requires local public bodies to post required procurement notices on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website and makes newspaper publication or posting on other appropriate websites optional. Currently, only state public bodies are required to post procurement notices on the Department of General Services' central electronic procurement website. The bill also requires the Department of General Services to (i) provide an electronic data file of the using agency's business opportunities at no charge to any requesting newspaper or other print publication with circulation in Virginia using the comma-separated values (CSV) format and (ii) send the data file automatically via electronic mail on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis as agreed to by the parties. The bill specifies the information to be included in the data file.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No impact to the Commonwealth.

8. Fiscal Implications: While the bill is preliminarily projected to present savings to local public bodies, any costs to the Commonwealth are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

The Department of General Services (DGS) is seen as the only state agency affected by the bill and expects that any work required will be routine programming that the agency already performs to maintain agency systems to be responsive to customers.

Posting on the DGS website and making newspaper posting optional is projected to save local public bodies approximately \$650,000 to \$700,000 per year. In addition, there is no cost to local public bodies to post on DGS' central electronic website. Also, there is no cost associated to vendors to access the publicly posted notices on DGS' central electronic website. Finally, no charges are anticipated to newspaper companies or other print publications related to the provision of advertisement information via electronic data file.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All public bodies, the Department of General Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: The bill is very similar to House Bill 1823.

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