

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1361

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

**2. Patron:** Black

**3. Committee:** Transportation

**4. Title:** Responsibilities of Department.

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation requires the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to submit an economic and financial analysis to the General Assembly prior to providing grants or other funding to rail and transit projects. The bill requires the inclusion of specific components in the analysis.

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

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation could have a profound impact on the budget of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The bill does not specify a funding floor amount, thus all of DRPT's rail and transit grants will need to have an analysis performed and submitted to the General Assembly. DRPT would likely need to hire additional staff or make use of outside consultants to meet this new requirement. The bill does not specify a source of funding and it is expected that the additional resources would be taken from existing transportation resources.

Currently, the General Assembly appropriates funding for transit and rail projects, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) approves funding for specific projects. It is not clear if under the proposed bill the General Assembly is to approve the funding and authorize DRPT to make the grant payments. It is also not known how the provision of data to the part-time legislature would impact the timely allocation of grant payments to transit and rail service providers.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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