

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2207-H1

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

2. Patron: Ransone

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Broadband Advisory Council; membership.

5. Summary: Changes the membership of the Broadband Advisory Council (the Council) by (i) removing two at-large nonlegislative citizen members and (ii) adding one member of the House of Delegates, one member of the Senate, one nonlegislative citizen member who is a representative of the Virginia Wireless Internet Service Providers Association, and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry and executive director of the Center for Rural Virginia as ex officio members. The bill also directs the Division of Legislative Services to provide additional staff support to legislative members serving on the Council. The bill contains technical amendments.

The substitute bill no longer eliminates the citizen representative from the Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association and adds the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry as an ex officio member.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: No state fiscal impact is expected from this bill. Current financial and administrative support for the Broadband Advisory Council and its members come from the Secretary of Technology, the Clerks of the House of Delegates and Senate, the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance, and the Center for Innovative Technology.

The Secretary of Technology is responsible for the expenses of the nonlegislative citizen members, who otherwise serve without compensation, and all other expenses of the Council. Staff support is provided by the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance and the Center for Innovative Technology. All expect no material fiscal impact from the change in membership of the Council or increase in total Council members from 11 to 14 and report that any minor additional costs can be absorbed. The bill provides that the Division of Legislative Services provide additional staff support to legislative members serving on the Council, for which the division also reports no expected fiscal impact.

The Clerks of the House of Delegates and Senate are responsible for providing funding for compensation and expenses incurred by legislative members of the Broadband Advisory Council in performance of their duties. Assuming the Council meets four times during the interim, the estimated cost of each of the two additional legislative Council members is \$1460; however the Clerks report that such costs can be absorbed within their existing budgets.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Secretary of Technology, Division of Legislative Services, Clerk of the House of Delegates, Clerk of the Senate, Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Investment Authority/ Center for Innovative Technology, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

- 11. Other Comments:** The substitute adopted by the House General Laws Committee did not change the fiscal impact of this legislation.

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