

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB881

<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:** Alexander

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Workplace safety; Voluntary Protection Program.

**5. Summary:** Codifies the Voluntary Protection Program that has been conducted by the Department of Labor and Industry since 1996. The measure directs the Safety and Health Codes Board to adopt definitions, rules, regulations, and standards necessary for the operation of the Voluntary Protection Program that will promote safe and healthy workplaces throughout the Commonwealth. Participation in the Voluntary Protection Program is limited to workplaces in which an exemplary worker safety and health management system that exceeds basic compliance with occupational safety and health laws and regulations, and that satisfies the standards for the Voluntary Protection Program, has been implemented.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill codifies the Department of Labor and Industry's Voluntary Protection Program, instituted in 1996. The program is modeled on the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program. The agency uses a portion of collected civil penalties to match the federal grant contribution.

Section 40.1-49.4 D, Code of Virginia, requires all civil penalties for safety and health violations to be paid into the general fund. The Appropriation Act allows DOLI to retain up to \$481,350 in civil penalties as the required match for the federal grant match for voluntary protection and voluntary compliance programs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Labor and Industry.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion bill to HB1768.