

## Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1244

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marshall, R.G.

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Referendum for tolling Interstate 66 outside Capital Beltway; approval by General Assembly for Interstate 66 tolls

**5. Summary:** Requires that localities in Planning District 8 that are located wholly or partially outside the Capital Beltway have voter approval by referendum before the possible imposition and collection of tolls for the use of Interstate 66 outside the Capital Beltway. If the vote from the referendum is negative to imposing and collecting tolls, the decision to impose tolls rests with the General Assembly. At present, General Assembly approval is not required for imposition and collection of tolls for the use of Interstate 66 outside the Capital Beltway.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Items 86, 453, 455

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Section 30-19.10, Code of Virginia, requires the State Board of Elections to run advertisements in state newspapers and prepare posters and pamphlets providing public notice about a referendum. The estimated one-time cost relating to one item is \$131,158, which is based on the cost of advertising and printing for proposed 2014 constitutional amendments. This amount consists of approximately \$129,403 in newspaper advertising costs and \$1,755 for printing costs of pamphlets and posters.

According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), it has expended \$29 million in federal funds on Transform66: Outside the Beltway, with the anticipation of tolls to support the completion this project. If tolls are prohibited, this project cannot advance, and the Commonwealth will be responsible for reimbursing the Federal Highway Administration for those funds. Any repayment to the federal government would have to come from state funds, preventing them from being available for new construction projects. Budget amendments may be necessary to provide these funds outside of the existing formulas and to take funds from other priority projects to repay the federal government.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Elections, Virginia Department of Transportation, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

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**11. Other Comments:** None