Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB312
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron: Orrock
3.	Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions
4.	Title: VDH; increase sharing of electronic health records, report.
5.	Summary: Directs the Department of Health to work with stakeholders, which shall include representatives of hospitals and other health care providers in the Commonwealth, to (i) evaluate interoperability of electronic health records systems between health systems and health care providers and the ability of health systems and health care providers to share patient records in electronic format and (ii) develop recommendations for improving the ability of health systems and health care providers to share electronic health records with the goal of ensuring that all health care providers in the Commonwealth are able to share electronic health information to reduce the cost of health care and improve the efficiency of health care services. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by December 1, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause.
6.	Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
7.	No Fiscal Impact.
8.	Fiscal Implications: This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The agency has stated that the reporting requirement would not impact agency operations.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
11	Other Comments: None