

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB698

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

2. Patron: Kory, K.

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; right to speak at open meetings.

5. Summary: Requires that every public body afford an opportunity for public comment during any open meeting. A public body may adopt reasonable rules governing the public comment portion of the meeting, including imposing reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: State and local agencies, boards, and other public bodies that are not already affording an opportunity for public comment during open meetings will need to provide the time and space for such public comment. This will likely require some additional staff time to account for the additional meeting time beyond that which otherwise occurs during such meetings.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state and local public bodies that are not exempt from FOIA.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/28/16