Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: SB46
	House of Origin
	Second House
2.	Patron: Carrico
3.	Committee: Transportation
4.	Title: Commonwealth Space Flight Fund; extends transfer of funds through fiscal year 2023-2024
5.	Summary: This bill extends through fiscal year 2023-2024 the annual transfer from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Commonwealth Space Flight Fund. Under current law, the transfer would cease in fiscal year 2016-2017.
6.	Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8.
8.	Fiscal Implications: This legislation would extend and authorize the annual transfer of \$15.8 million from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Commonwealth Space Flight Fund from the 2016-2017 fiscal year to the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Currently, § 33.2-1524 specifies that \$9.5 million is to be transferred each year. The \$15.8 million per year is consistent with the amounts proposed for transfer in the introduced budget.
	The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has just recently awarded Orbital, a Virginia based company, a new multiyear contract through 2024 to deliver cargo and supplies to the International Space Station from spaceports, including Wallops Island.
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority.
10.	. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
11.	Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB1122.
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