Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

Bill Number: SB1148
House of Origin
Second House
Patron: Favola
Committee: Passed both houses.
Title: Authority to lease or convey airspace.
Summary: Provides that the Commissioner of Highways has the authority to select any competitive procurement process for leases and conveyances of airspace and that he may reject any bid he believes is not in the best interest of the Commonwealth. Current law requires public advertisement for bids and requires the Commissioner to accept the highest bid from a responsible bidder.
Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.
Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), future leases of airspace could provide positive revenue to the Commonwealth, although it i impossible to estimate the revenue impact at this time.
More staff work might be required from the Department of General Services (DGS) and/or the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under this proposal. It is anticipated that DGS can either recover its costs from any project for which it must serve as the building official or delegate its authority to another entity. The potential staff costs to DEQ are indeterminate, but likely can be addressed through the normal course of business.
Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of General Services and Department of Environmental Quality.
D. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.