

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1353

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: Ware

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Battlefield property; incorporation into national park; transfer of easement held by Board.

5. Summary: This bill requires any instrument that creates an easement held by the Board of Historic Resources (the Board) on a battlefield property to include provisions for the transfer of the easement to the United States if the underlying property is incorporated into a national park. The bill directs the Board to transfer such an easement to the United States if it is requested to do so by both the United States and the owner of the underlying property and if such owner makes certain affirmations to the Board regarding the preservation of and public access to the property. The bill also directs the Board to transfer to the United States the easements it holds on nine particular battlefield properties located within the Petersburg National Battlefield and the Richmond National Battlefield Park and to conform the terms of existing Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund grant agreements to the provisions of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact for the Department of Historic Resources (DHR). However, from 2008 to 2017, \$789,022 had been expended towards easements for seven of the nine battlefield properties identified in the bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Historic Resources.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to House Bill 61 and Senate Bill 450.