

Department of Housing and Community Development 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1597

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Gooditis

3. Committee: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor.

4. Title: Zoning for wireless communications infrastructure.

5. Summary: Establishes limits on the extent to which localities may require zoning approvals for certain wireless support structures. Certain new wireless support structures inside a right-of-way that are 50 feet or less above ground level, designed to support small cell equipment, not in a historic district, and not more than 10 feet tallest existing utility pole within 500 feet in the same right of way, are exempted from requirements that they obtain a special exception, special use permit, or variance. Aspects of the zoning approval process addressed in this measure include periods for approval or disapproval of applications; a requirement that applications are deemed approved if not approved or disapproved within the applicable period; application fees; a prohibition against unreasonable discrimination; and limits on the number of new wireless support structures. The measure also prohibits localities from adopting a moratorium on considering zoning applications submitted by wireless service providers and wireless infrastructure providers.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not Applicable

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			
2022			

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2018		
2019		
2020		
2021		
2022		

8. Fiscal Implications: Per § 30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission on Local Government has determined that this bill does not warrant preparation of a Fiscal Impact

Statement because the bill does not require a net additional expenditure by an county, city, or town, nor does it require a net reduction of revenues by any county, city, or town.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: No

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: N/A