

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB69

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

2. Patron: McQuinn

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund; created, report.

5. Summary: This bill creates the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to provide funding for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, and innovative food retail projects, defined in the bill, in underserved communities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. HB30/SB30 includes an appropriation under Item 106 to capitalize the Fund.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill establishes the Virginia Grocery Investment Program and Fund to address the lack of grocery stores and food retailers in underserved communities. The program and fund shall be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The department shall develop guidelines to carry out the program. The bill specifies that up to 10 percent of the moneys in the Fund may be designated for administrative expenses incurred by the partnering community development financial institution (CDFI). The bill also includes an annual report to be prepared by DHCD.

Item 106 of the introduced budget, HB30/SB30, includes a general fund appropriation of \$3.75 million in each year of the biennium for this program. Language in the introduced bill authorizes up to \$25,000 of the appropriation for an evaluation of the impact of the Fund. In addition, the introduced budget language specifies that DHCD shall establish an advisory committee with representatives from the selected CDFI, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and other relevant stakeholders to advise the development of the program's guidelines.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development; Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB85. SB37 is the companion to this bill.