

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1561

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: Mugler

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Fort Monroe Authority; civil actions in general district court.

5. Summary: Authorizes the Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) to prepare, execute, file, and have served certain documents on other parties in any civil proceeding in general district court without the intervention of an attorney.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would allow FMA to prepare, execute, file and serve in general district court a number of landlord/tenant related filings without an attorney. At most, FMA anticipates one such case per year. The Office of Attorney General does provide legal support to FMA but defers residential lease issues to an outside firm since the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act requires very specific knowledge. It is anticipated that the impact of this bill is minimal and can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Fort Monroe Authority; Office of Attorney General; courts.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is the companion bill to SB956.