

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1623

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

2. Patron: Plum

3. Committee: Passed the House.

4. Title: Fee for open-space preservation.

5. Summary: Increases from \$1 to \$3 the fee for open-space preservation charged for every deed, deed of trust, contract, or other instrument admitted to record in those jurisdictions in which open-space easements are held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. The bill also clarifies that the fee applies to any "deed of trust, contract, or other instrument" admitted to record, by adding to the term "deed."

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, to Item 374 of HB30/SB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$0	-	-
2021	\$1,900,000	-	NGF
2022	\$1,900,000	-	NGF
2023	\$1,900,000	-	NGF
2024	\$1,900,000	-	NGF
2025	\$1,900,000	-	NGF
2026	\$1,900,000	-	NGF

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	\$0	-
2021	\$1,900,000	NGF
2022	\$1,900,000	NGF
2023	\$1,900,000	NGF
2024	\$1,900,000	NGF
2025	\$1,900,000	NGF
2026	\$1,900,000	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill increases the fee for open-space preservation charged for every deed, deed of trust, contract, or other instrument admitted to record in those jurisdictions in which open-space easements are held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation from one dollar to three dollars. The Department of Taxation estimates that the increase in the fee charge will result in an additional \$1.9 million in revenue. Statute requires that this revenue be deposited to the Open-Space Lands Preservation Fund. The Department of

Conservation and Recreation will require a nongeneral fund appropriation to distribute this additional revenue to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation; Department of Taxation; Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB1622 also increases this recordation fee.