

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB7

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

2. Patron: Bourne

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Fair Housing Law; unlawful discriminatory housing practices.

5. Summary: Prohibits any locality, its employees, or its appointed commissions from discriminating (i) in the application of local land use ordinances or guidelines, or in the permitting of housing developments, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex, elderliness, familial status, or handicap or (ii) in the permitting of housing developments because the housing development contains or is expected to contain affordable housing units occupied or intended for occupancy by families or individuals with incomes at or below 80 percent of the median income of the area where the housing development is located or is proposed to be located, unless at the time of the municipal decision, a proposed development will be located in a census tract wherein more than 50 percent of the units serve families or individuals at or below 80 percent of the median income of the area. The bill also requires the Fair Housing Board, after determining the existence of an unlawful discriminatory housing practice and after consultation with the Attorney General, to immediately refer the matter to the Attorney General for civil action. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 61 HB/SB30.

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

7a. Expenditure Impact: Attorney General and Department of Law

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	0	0	n/a
2021	\$370,856	3.0	GF
2022	\$370,856	3.0	GF
2023	\$370,856	3.0	GF
2024	\$370,856	3.0	GF
2025	\$370,856	3.0	GF
2026	\$370,856	3.0	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: The Attorney General and Department of Law indicates this bill will expand duties of the Division of Human Rights requiring an additional attorney, paralegal, and administrative staff. Several similar bills require additional resources for the Division of Human Rights, if these similar bills pass no additional resources will be required above those listed in this impact statement.

It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the courts.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; Attorney General and Department of Law; courts; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB97 also prohibits unlawful discriminatory housing practices.