

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB575

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: VanValkenburg

3. Committee: Privileges and Elections

4. Title: Elections; campaign finance; contribution limits; civil penalty.

5. Summary: Establishes contribution limits from any individual to any candidate campaign committee, political action committee, and political party committee and from any political action committee or political party committee to any campaign committee. The bill provides that any candidate, candidate campaign committee, political action committee, political party committee, or contributor that knowingly violates the contributions limits established by the bill is subject to a civil penalty of up to two times the amount by which the contribution exceeds the limit. The bill prohibits any person that is not an individual from making any contribution to any candidate for elected office.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: As stand-alone legislation, the Department of Elections considers implementation of this bill as “routine,” and does not require additional funding.

The bill allows civil penalties for violations of the contribution limits of up to two times the excess contribution amounts, which shall be deposited in the general fund. Any potential revenue impact from the assessment of civil penalties is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/24/2022