

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB503

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

2. **Patron:** Lewis

3. **Committee:** Local Government

4. **Title:** Virginia Resources Authority; short-term loans to planning district commissions.

5. **Summary:** Provides that the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA) shall have the power to establish a perpetual and permanent revolving fund with any funds appropriated by the General Assembly to the VRA for the purpose of making short-term loans to any planning district commission. Under the bill, loans are made for the purpose of providing short-term cash flow necessary for state and federal grants that require the expenditure of funds prior to requesting reimbursement by the planning district commission. Such loans shall be deemed in the public interest, and the loan interest rates charged by the VRA shall be set based on guidelines established for the administration of loan funds and based on prevailing short-term interest rates, according to the bill.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill gives VRA the power to establish a fund used to make short-term loans to planning district commissions. On its own, the establishment of this fund does not have a fiscal impact. A budget amendment would be needed to appropriate dollars to this fund to make it operational. Because VRA does not receive a regular, annual appropriation in the Appropriation Act and is not listed as an agency in the budget, funds would need to be appropriated to a different agency and authorized to be transferred to VRA in order to capitalize this fund.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** VRA

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** The committee substitute version of this bill makes minor changes that do not change its fiscal impact. This bill is very similar to HB947