

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB86

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

2. **Patron:** Anderson

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Campaign finance; disclosure reports, searchable electronic database.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Elections to provide an interface to the campaign finance database maintained by the Department that allows users to easily search for and sort information by individual candidates and types of elections, offices, committees, and donors; donations, expenditures, loans, and other categories of information included in campaign finance reports; and late filings, incomplete filings, and other violations. The interface shall also provide users tools for manipulating and exporting data. The bill has a delayed effective date of July 1, 2023.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes – Item 89 of HB/SB 30.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$147,200	General Fund
2024	-	

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require the Department of Elections (ELECT) to allow users to easily search for, sort, manipulate, and export campaign finance information through an online interface. To achieve this, ELECT would need to create an online application to draw data from a data warehouse to display within a web interface. ELECT estimates that creating this tool would require approximately 6,254 hours to complete, broken out between 1,102 hours of non-IT work and 5,152 hours of IT work. Of the 5,152 IT hours, 1,280 would require additional outside resources that are estimated to cost \$147,200 based on a blended rate of \$115.00 per hour for current contractors. Beyond the 1,280 IT hours, all other estimated time would be absorbed by current staff. Estimated non-IT work hours represent time with campaign finance subject matter experts. This estimate assumes that the online application would not provide any functionality for data analysis or visualizations.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/25/2022