

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1968

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Mullin

3. Committee: Passed both Houses

4. Title: Department of Historic Resources; Green Book historic site designations.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Historic Resources, in partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Department of Transportation, to designate or approve supplementary signs for historic site signs identifying Green Book locations and businesses in the Commonwealth. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is to print, place, and maintain the Green Book historic site. The bill defines "Green Book" as The Negro Motorist Green Book published by Victor Hugo Green, which provided a list of hotels, guest houses, service stations, drug stores, taverns, barber shops, and restaurants known to be safe for traveling Black Americans during the Jim Crow era.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Historic Resources has already begun to create the registry required by this legislation and could absorb any additional impact within current resources. The Virginia Tourism Authority could also absorb any impact from this bill. Any fiscal impact to VDOT resulting from this bill is indeterminate. Any costs to VDOT associated with this legislation would have to be covered by redirecting resources from other priorities.

Amendments to HB1400/800 adopted by the House include \$97,000 from the general fund in FY 2024 for the Virginia Tourism Authority and Department of Historic Resources to conduct a historic study describing Green Book sites in Virginia by documenting surviving buildings.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Historic Resources, Department of Transportation, Virginia Tourism Authority

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None