

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2006

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Roem

3. Committee: Committee Referral Pending

4. Title: Virginia Freedom of Information Act; public records charges; electronic payment method.

5. Summary: Provides that any public body that charges for the production of public records pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act shall provide an electronic method of payment through which all payments for the production of such records to such locality may be made unless such locality lacks the necessary technology for receipt of such electronic payments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary- See Item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, however it is not anticipated the impact will be significant. It is unclear how many state public bodies currently have the ability to provide an electronic method of payment, so the cost of implementation is not available at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All public bodies under the Freedom of Information Act.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None