

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2254

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Sickles

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Highway use fee; reimbursement

5. Summary: This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish and administer a process whereby a vehicle owner may contest an assessed highway use fee. The bill requires the Department to reimburse the vehicle owner for any contested highway use fee or portion thereof that was incorrectly collected.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Channels already exist by which customers can contact the agency regarding the accuracy of their assessed highway use fee and receive refunds where appropriate. It is unknown whether this legislation might increase the volume of customers contesting their highway use fee. Should numbers remain consistent, the fiscal impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would be minimal. Programmatic changes necessary to establish and administer the process mandated by this bill can be absorbed by DMV. Should volumes significantly increase, additional staff to review customer requests and to administer any appeals pursuant to §2.2-4019 would likely be necessary. If so, the additional costs resulting from staffing requirements may be significant.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.