

## Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2348H1

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:**    Webert

**3. Committee:** Appropriations

**4. Title:**    Animal testing facilities; noncompliance with federal laws and regulations; civil penalty.

**5. Summary:** Requires animal testing facilities, as defined in the bill, to make United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services reports publicly available within 30 days. Also requires any animal testing facility operated by an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth that receives a citation for critical noncompliance under the Animal Welfare Act, as defined in the bill, to notify institutional leadership. Exempts any federal facilities or privately owned licensed veterinary practices.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill is not anticipated to impact the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This bill places additional reporting requirements on any public institution of higher education that operates an animal testing facility. Estimates of impact from any such institutions are not yet available.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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

**11. Other Comments:** None