

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2023 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1248

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

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

**2. Patron:** Lucas

**3. Committee:** Rules

**4. Title:** MEI Project Approval Commission; board level gender and diversity requirements.

**5. Summary:** Prohibits the MEI Project Approval Commission from recommending approval of any major employment and investment (MEI) project for a business that does not meet and commit to maintaining a balanced board of directors based upon gender and racial diversity, such that at least 30 percent of such board of directors shall consist of women and historically underrepresented groups. The bill requires any business seeking approval of a project to submit a board diversity disclosure and to update such disclosure annually, specifying the number and percentage of diverse directors on the board of directors of such business who self-identify as female or represent a national, racial, ethnic, indigenous, or cultural identity in the country of the business's principal executive offices.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill provides additional criteria for the MEI Project Approval Commission to adhere by when making recommendations on potential projects. Any impact on the Commonwealth's incentive packages is unknown.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Economic Development Authority; MEI Commission.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.