

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1326

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: McClellan

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Transit Ridership Incentive Program; funds; improving accessibility; transition to zero-emissions.

5. Summary: Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to use up to 30 percent of available funds in the Transit Ridership Incentive Program to support local, regional, and state entities in improving the accessibility of transit bus passenger facilities and transitioning public transit bus fleets and infrastructure to zero-emission bus fleets and infrastructure. The bill directs the Board to develop guidelines for applications for grants to any local, regional, or state public entity that supports a transit system.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to allocate up to 30 percent of the funding in the Transit Ridership Incentive Program to projects that improve the accessibility of transit bus passenger facilities or assist in transitioning to zero-emission bus fleets and infrastructure.

The Transit Ridership Incentive Program, administered by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, receives six percent of the funding allocated to the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. The total allocation for the program for FY24 is estimated to be \$26.8 million; for reference, 30 percent of that amount is approximately \$8.0 million.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Commonwealth Transportation Board.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB2338 as introduced.