

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1157

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Finance and Appropriations

4. Title: Consultation with federally recognized Tribal Nations in the Commonwealth; permits and reviews.

5. Summary: Requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to designate an Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation to facilitate communication and consultation with federally recognized Tribal Nations in the Commonwealth and to assist the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Historic Resources, and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission in developing policies and procedures to ensure meaningful and appropriate consultation with federally recognized Tribal Nations in the Commonwealth regarding permits and reviews.

The second enactment of the bill requires the Ombudsman to develop by January 1, 2025, a list of localities in which federally recognized Tribal Nations in the Commonwealth shall be consulted to effectuate the provisions of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, to Item 55 of HB30/SB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2024	n/a	n/a	n/a
2025	\$160,250	1	GF
2026	\$160,250	1	GF
2027	\$160,250	1	GF
2028	\$160,250	1	GF
2029	\$160,250	1	GF
2030	\$160,250	1	GF

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill directs the Secretary of the Commonwealth (SOC) to designate an Ombudsman for Tribal Consultation to facilitate communication and consultation with federally recognized Tribal Nations in the Commonwealth. It is anticipated the costs associated with a Tribal Ombudsman position will be \$160,250, including salary, benefits, and operating expenses. A general fund budget amendment to the SOC is required.

House approved amendments to HB30/SB30 include \$160,250 in each year from the general fund under the Secretary of Commonwealth to support the provisions of this bill.

The Departments of Environmental Quality, Conservation and Recreation, Historic Resources, and the Marine Resources Commission anticipate that any costs associated with this bill can be absorbed within current resources.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Secretary of the Commonwealth; Departments of Environmental Quality, Conservation and Recreation, Historic Resources; Marine Resources Commission.

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

- 11. Other Comments:** None.