

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1421

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Morefield

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Virginia Housing Trust Fund; eligibility.

5. Summary: Expands eligibility for loans from the Housing Trust Fund to include low, moderate, or middle income persons and families and requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to (i) include definitions for such income levels in program guidelines for administering the Fund and (ii) prioritize funding for low income and middle income housing projects in program guidelines for administering the Fund. Under current law, such loans may be provided only to low or moderate income citizens of Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. The bill expands eligibility for awards from the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (VHTF) to target middle income households. As established, VHTF allows for DHCD to utilize a portion of the Fund for reasonable costs and expenses incurred in its administration and management. Item 102 in HB30/SB30 as introduced, includes \$75 million each fiscal year from the general fund.

This is a discretionary program and all awards are subject to appropriation. Historically, demand for the Fund exceeds available funding.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB1421 and SB681 are companions.