

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB580

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

**2. Patron:** Simonds

**3. Committee:** Appropriations

**4. Title:** Animal testing facilities; public notification; report.

**5. Summary:** Requires any animal testing facility, contract testing facility, or manufacturer, as defined in relevant law, that uses an animal test method to make publicly available, on or before December 1 for the preceding federal fiscal year, the total number of animals used for research, education, testing, or experimental, scientific, or biomedical purposes. The bill requires the report to identify and group such animals according to species (i) by displaying a link to access such information on the homepage or landing page of the animal testing facility's, contract facility's, or manufacturer's website or (ii) if such animal testing facility does not have a website, by making such information available by means of a press release or other similar publication.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Items 151, 155, 167, 183, 194, and 211

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services anticipates that any increased administrative responsibilities could be absorbed within current resources.

Public institutions of higher education cite a range of costs to meet the requirements of this bill related to counting, identifying, grouping, and reporting the designated animals. Several institutions indicate that they currently do not have systems or software in place to track the information required by this bill nor the current personnel capacity to initiate or maintain these requirements. Institutions report a need to reprogram existing systems or procure additional software, and a need to hire at least one to multiple full-time employee(s) to manage new reporting duties.

The below table summarizes estimates provided by public institutions of higher education. It is unclear at this time what portion of these amounts are one-time or ongoing costs.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Estimated Fiscal Impact</b>
George Mason University	\$200,000
James Madison University	\$250,000
Old Dominion University (anticipates Eastern Virginia Medical School merger)	\$708,500
University of Virginia	\$374,000
Virginia Commonwealth University	\$557,000
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$1,840,000

Norfolk State University (NSU) faculty researchers currently engaged in research involving animals do so through partnering arrangements. Any fiscal impact to NSU likely is minimal and can be absorbed.

Christopher Newport University indicated an indeterminate fiscal impact.

The fiscal impact to other public institutions of higher education is indeterminate at this time.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Public institutions of higher education

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

- 11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to SB411.