

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB987

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: Maldonado

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Proton radiation therapy; clinical evidence for decisions on coverage.

5. Summary: Requires that a health insurance carrier consider (i) coverage of a proton radiation therapy treatment by Medicare, Medicaid, or any other governmental health care coverage for any type of cancer or (ii) a recommendation of proton radiation therapy by a patient's treating physician or radiation oncologist as a sufficient standard of clinical evidence to justify coverage of proton radiation therapy.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation is expected to have a fiscal impact on the state health plan. The Department of Human Resource Management projects an annual fiscal impact of \$457,000 to provide proton radiation therapy coverage. The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is not expected to change the health insurance premiums funded in HB 30.

According to the State Corporation Commission, qualified health plans (QHPs) sold through the Health Benefit Exchange are not impacted by the provisions of this bill. Section 38.2-6506 A 1, Code of Virginia, states that if services are identified in addition to the ones contained in the state's Benchmark Plan, QHPs sold through the Exchange would not be required to cover these services; therefore, the proposed legislation would not require defrayal of costs to insurers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management and State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.