

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB588

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

2. **Patron:** Lucas

3. **Committee:** Passed the Senate.

4. **Title:** Department of Housing and Community Development; Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to develop a criminal record screening model policy for admitting or denying an applicant for affordable housing covered under the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's guidance on the application of the Fair Housing Act and maintain such model policy on its website. The bill prohibits a landlord of an affordable housing unit from inquiring about or requiring disclosure of, or if such information is received, basing an adverse action, on an applicant's criminal or arrest record unless the landlord does so in accordance with the criminal record screening model policy developed by DHCD and posted on its website and provides the applicant with a written copy of such policy. Additionally, the department is required to convene a stakeholder group for the purpose of providing input into the development of the criminal record screening model policy.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** DHCD anticipates an expenditure impact as a result of this bill. Based on similar work, DHCD anticipates that 12 stakeholders are to be part of the required work group. Costs tied to in-person meetings are estimated at \$10,500. Existing DHCD staff is to provide administrative support to the work group and preparation and distribution of the final disclosure statement.

DHCD states that any funding in its Housing Assistance Services program is largely obligated to subgrantees for the Evictions and Communities of Opportunity programs.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.