

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB143

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

2. **Patron:** Reid

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Utility work database.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and maintain a publicly accessible database and map of all utility work that has been approved by the Department and will occur within a highway right-of-way in a residential neighborhood. The second enactment exempts regulatory actions related to this bill from the Administrative Process Act. This bill has a delayed enactment date of January 1, 2025.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) estimates that modifications would be needed to the existing VDOT Land Use Permit System (LUPS) and the forthcoming LUPS upgrade (OAPLUS) so that the necessary data could be made publicly available, capture the start and end dates of the work, and allow the entry of specific site information for districtwide and countywide permits. VDOT anticipates that the changes would cost approximately \$150,000.

The Virginia Department of Transportation relies on revenues generated for highway maintenance operations, which are fully appropriated in the 2024 Budget Bill (HB30/SB30). Therefore, additional appropriation is not needed. VDOT would have to cover the costs associated with this legislation by redirecting resources from other priorities.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Transportation

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None.