

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB285

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

2. **Patron:** McQuinn

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Uniform Statewide Building Code; bus shelters.

5. **Summary:** Exempts plans and specifications for bus shelters that do not exceed 256 square feet that are to be constructed for transit agencies receiving state money and that will be constructed on state-owned property from the Department of General Services' review process required by the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill authorizes the local building official of the locality in which the state-owned property is located to conduct the review process within 60 days of the applicant's initial submission of the plans and specifications for such bus shelter.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, indeterminate—see item 8

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Acting through the Division of Engineering and Buildings (DEB), the Department of General Services (DGS) is designated as the building official for any state-owned buildings or structures and for all buildings and structures built on state-owned property. The Department is directed to review and approve plans and specifications, grant modifications, and establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

DEB oversees the review process required by the Uniform Statewide Building Code and this bill may decrease the workload of reviews at the Division. DGS indicates a minimal impact from HB285 to the DEB internal service fund. Potential savings may be realized by the decreased workload of reviews, as the bill exempts bus shelters less than 256 square feet from DGS review. The bill is shifting the responsibility to review the plans and specifications for local transit agency bus shelters from state to local government.

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) indicates no fiscal impact from the provisions of this bill.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of General Services, Virginia Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, local transit agencies and local public bodies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None