

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB285-E

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

2. **Patron:** McQuinn

3. **Committee:** General Laws

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

5. **Summary:** The bill amends the Uniform Statewide Building Code, §36-98.1; State buildings; exception for certain assets owned by the Department of Transportation (VDOT) by removing the requirement that bus shelters under 256 square feet undergo any type of review to ensure that such shelter is structurally adequate and meets the requirements of the Uniform Statewide building Code.

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 an indeterminate but minimal revenue loss from HB285-E to the DEB internal service fund. This revenue loss is minimal because DGS has indicated they already have begun to delegate the review task to localities. 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