

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB626

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

2. Patron: Roem

3. Committee: Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Disclosure in land use proceedings; statewide application.

5. Summary: Alters certain land use disclosure requirements applicable to officials in any county with the urban county executive form of government (Fairfax County) by replacing "relationship of employee-employer, agent-principal, or attorney-client" with the broader phrase of "business or financial interest." The same change is made to existing provisions that currently apply only to Loudoun County but will now apply statewide.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: This impact statement addresses potential state fiscal implications; any local fiscal impact is not known. This bill alters provisions related to land use disclosures. Violations of the provisions results in a Class 1 misdemeanor offense. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both.

According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, not enough information is available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2021), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$37.58 per inmate, per day in FY 2020.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Localities; prisons and jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.