Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1120 **Patron:** Lucas **Bill Title:** Commission on Women's Health established; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Commission on Women's Health as a permanent, independently staffed commission in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of studying and making recommendations on issues related to women's and maternal health. The Commission consists of 15 members, five of whom are nonlegislative citizen members with significant experience or expertise in women's or maternal health policy.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes **Items Impacted:** 1, 6

Explanation: The House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia will incur costs associated with the

compensation of the members on this commission. Travel expenses of all members will be paid for by the Commission, which will be under the Department of Legislative Services. This

legislation provides the authority for the commission to appoint staff, however it is unknown how many staff the Commission may hire and the anticipated salaries.

Fiscal Summary:

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

| <u>Agency</u> | <u>FY2025</u> | <u>FY2026</u> | <u>FY2027</u> | <u>FY2028</u> | <u>FY2029</u> | <u>FY2030</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| GA | \$0 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$12,000 |
| DLS | \$0 | \$17,680 | \$17,680 | \$17,680 | \$17,680 | \$17,680 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |

Fiscal Analysis: The fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings. It is estimated the member compensation will be approximately \$7,200 for the House and \$4,800 for the Senate. This provides for six House members and four Senate members attending four meetings per year, the average number of meetings a commission of this nature usually involves and will be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate. The travel expenses are expected to be \$8,808 for the House and \$5,872 for the Senate, and will be paid for by the Commission unless it is unfunded, in which case expenses will be paid out of the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates or the Clerk of the Senate. Compensation and travel expenses for the five nonlegislative citizen members will be \$3,000 and shall be paid for by the Commission.

This bill grants the Commission the authority to employ an executive director and other necessary staff. It is unknown how many staff the Commission may hire and the anticipated salaries.

Other: Companion to HB2617