

Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB2749

Patron: LaVere Bolling

Bill Title: Department of Health; waterworks; mandatory reporting of anomalies; negligence.

Bill Summary: Requires owners of waterworks to report any operational anomaly that could affect water quality, public health, or service continuity to the Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water within 24 hours of discovery. The bill requires any critical equipment failure, including a pump failure or any other malfunction that poses an immediate risk to public health or disrupts water service to be reported to the Office within six hours of discovery. Under the bill, failure to comply with the reporting requirements constitutes negligence and failure to comply with the critical equipment failure reporting requirements constitutes gross negligence.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: None.

Fiscal Summary: Any anticipated impact is minimal and can be absorbed by the Virginia Department of Health.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health. This legislation only impacts waterworks owners. Any increase in workload to receive additional reports is anticipated to be minimal and can be handled within existing resources.

Other: SB1408, introduced by Senator Reeves, is a companion bill.