Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB2464 **Patron:** Higgins
Bill Title: Highway rights-of-way; invasive species.

Bill Summary: Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish and implement a policy for identifying, digging up, and destroying any invasive plant on the list of invasive plants created by the Department of Conservation and Recreation on any state highway right-of-way.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: The state fiscal impact to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is indeterminate. The prevalence of invasive plans along state highway right-of-way is unknown. The requirements of the bill are expected to increase costs to VDOT for any additional efforts to identify and address such plants in the manner described in the bill than would be taken under current policies. Additionally, the bill prescribes that any plant on the list developed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation be dug-up and destroyed, which may preclude more cost effective, or ecologically recommended, methods for eradication or management of certain invasive plants and could further increase anticipated costs.

Fiscal Analysis: None.

Other: None.