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

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Bill Title: Animal testing facilities; public notification.

Bill Summary: Requires any animal testing facility to (i) within 30 days of receiving a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspection report, make such inspection report publicly available along with any other relevant incident reports and relevant records generated during or as a result of internal or external reviews and (ii) within 30 days of receiving any USDA official warning notice of alleged violation, settlement agreement or stipulation, administrative complaint, decision or order, or any other enforcement record, make such information publicly available, excepting any information that is exempted from public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Current law requires any animal testing facility, within 30 days of receiving an inspection report, to make such inspection report publicly available along with any other relevant USDA incident reports and relevant documents generated from internal reviews.

Budget Amendment Necessary: See Fiscal Items Impacted: 169, 185

Analysis below.

Explanation: This bill would involve the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

(VDACS) and public institutions of higher education (IHEs). While most entities anticipate being able to absorb additional requirements within current resources, Old Dominion University (ODU) and the University of Virginia (UVA) anticipate the need for additional

personnel and funding.

Fiscal Summary: This impact statement is preliminary. Updated information from IHEs reflecting the FOIA exemption is unavailable. VDACS and responding IHEs, with the exceptions of ODU and UVA, detailed below, anticipate minimal, absorbable costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	FY2030
221 (ODU)	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
207 (UVA)	\$0	\$82,600	\$82,600	\$82,600	\$82,600	\$82,600
TOTAL	\$0	\$307,600	\$307,600	\$307,600	\$307,600	\$307,600

Position Impact:

Agency	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
221 (ODU)	0	2	2	2	2	2
207 (UVA)	0	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	0	3	3	3	3	3

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Fiscal Analysis: Both ODU and UVA anticipate the need for additional general fund resources to implement the provisions of this bill. These institutions anticipate the need for software upgrades and hiring additional positions to compile and make public all required records and reports.

ODU anticipates the need for two new employees in Item 169 at an estimated annual cost of \$225,000 total for salaries and benefits. UVA anticipates the need in Item 185 for one additional administrative employee at an annual minimum cost of \$80,000 plus a minimum of \$1,800 for website and database upgrades. UVA notes the additional need for a minimum of \$800 annually for legal review to address risks to intellectual property (IP), as public disclosure of enforcement records or inspection details could inadvertently expose sensitive research information or methodologies, thus potentially impacting IP developed at the university.

It is anticipated that VDACS and other state institutions of higher education could absorb any costs associated with implementing the provisions of this bill.

Other: This fiscal impact statement is based on feedback from public IHEs as of the date of publication.