

**Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1232 **Patron:** Delaney
Bill Title: Commission on Black Land Loss established; study; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Commission on Black Land Loss in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of studying existing and historical laws utilized by the state and localities to take land from Black people. The Commission consists of 17 members, 10 of whom are legislative members and seven of whom are nonlegislative citizen members.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted:

Explanation: The Virginia House of Delegates (House) and the Senate of Virginia (Senate) will require appropriation to pay for Commission member compensation and travel expenses.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a general fund expenditure of \$40,396 in fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029 to provide for member compensation and travel for the Commission. Staffing is for the Commission expected to be absorbed with current resources.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
Houes of Delegates	\$0	\$23,880	\$23,880	\$23,880	\$0	\$0
Senate of Virginia	\$0	\$16,516	\$16,516	\$16,516	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$40,396	\$40,396	\$40,396	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis: This fiscal impact of this bill primarily involves the costs associated with meetings. It is estimated that legislative 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 \$9,528 for the House and \$6,352 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.

This bill provides for compensation for seven nonlegislative members. If the Commission is unfunded, the four nonlegislative members appointed by the Speaker of the House will be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, approximately \$800 for compensation and \$6,352 for travel. The three nonlegislative members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules will be paid by the offices of the Clerk of the Senate,

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approximately \$600 for compensation and \$4,764 for travel. If the Commission is funded the compensation for nonlegislative members is estimated to be \$1,400 per year and travel expenses are estimated to be \$11,116 per year, to be paid by the Commission.

The bill provides for the Division of Legislative Services (DLS) to provide legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested. Currently, the Division provides such services to over 35 legislative branch entities during the interim between sessions. There are other pending bills and resolutions that also require DLS to provide such services. If the aggregate number of bills or resolutions pass, the resulting additional staffing responsibilities will necessitate one policy analyst position costing \$89,000 including salary and fringe benefits. Administrative staffing for the Commission is expected to be absorbed with current resources.

Other: None.