Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB616E **Patron:** Anthony
Bill Title: Department of Housing and Community Development; Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; tenant records.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and maintain a standardized printable template that landlords may use to provide tenants with an itemized written statement of their rental account and authorizes the Department to publish a plain-language explanation of the template for educational purposes. The bill also requires certain landlords, upon a tenant's written request, to provide within a specified timeframe a written or no-cost electronic statement itemizing all debits and credits to the tenant's account over a defined period, permits reasonable allocation of utility charges when unit-specific billing is unavailable, and exempts smaller landlords unless they receive state or local rental or utility assistance on behalf of the tenant.

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

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Courts; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any state fiscal impact that may result from this bill to DHCD can be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal impact that may result from this bill to the Courts is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. It is anticipated that the Department of Housing and Community Development can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Any impact to the Courts as a result of this bill is indeterminate, as it depends on the number of parties that pursue damages. Cumulatively, this bill and similar proposed legislation may result in a nonabsorbable impact to the Courts.

Other: None.