

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB228

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Joshua G. Cole

3. **Committee:** Labor and Commerce

4. **Title:** Virginia Consumer Protection Act; recycling information on products.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits the sale or offering for sale of any product that indicates on the product's container or packaging that such container or packaging is recyclable unless such container or packaging is made out of a material that is recyclable under a majority of regional and local waste management plans. The bill requires the Virginia Waste Management Board to maintain a list of all materials that are recyclable under a majority of regional and local waste management plans adopted and to make such list available on the Department of Environmental Quality's website.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Preliminary.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary – See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG) indicates this bill would require the office to enforce an additional unlawful activity under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. This bill will require suppliers to ensure their products are truly recyclable under a majority of regional and local waste management plans adopted by in the Commonwealth. OAG indicates they will need an additional attorney at a cost of \$136,951 per year and investigator at a cost of \$116,480 per year to meet the requirements of the bill.

The Department of Environmental Quality indicates they can absorb the impact of this bill with current resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law, Department of Environmental Quality, Waste Management Board

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

Date: 1/26/2024