

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB163

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

2. **Patron:** T. Travis Hackworth

3. **Committee:** Local Government

4. **Title:** Southwest Regional Recreation Authority; powers.

5. **Summary:** Provides for the Attorney General to provide legal services in civil matters upon the request of the executive director or board of directors of the Authority. The bill also provides for the board of the Authority to adopt policies for the procurement of goods and services and requires such policies to incorporate certain provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. In addition, the bill (i) makes the provisions of the Virginia Personnel Act and the policies of the Department of Human Resource Management applicable to employees of the Authority and (ii) authorizes the Director of the Department of General Services to lease vehicles and construction and forestry equipment to the Authority.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law (OAG) to provide the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority (SRRA) legal service in civil matters upon the request of the executive director or board of directors. OAG may need to hire an additional attorney for the increase in caseload from adding SRRA, but as SRRA is not a General Fund supported state agency any fiscal impact to OAG can be provided by billing the SRRA.

This bill permits the SRRA to lease motor vehicles and construction and forestry equipment from the Department of General Services (DGS) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). DGS would only be able to lease light duty passenger vehicles and this would not create a fiscal impact to DGS. VDOT indicates this bill presents no fiscal impact as the SRRA would pay to lease the equipment, however VDOT may need to replace those vehicles to meet operational needs.

The Virginia Tourism Authority indicates this bill presents no fiscal impact.

It is unknown at this time if this bill presents a fiscal impact to the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM). As SRRA is not a General Fund supported state agency any fiscal impact to DHRM should be funded by billing the SRRA.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Southwest Regional Recreation Authority, Office of the Attorney General and Department of Law, Department of General Services, Office of Fleet Management Services, Virginia Department of Transportation, Southwest Regional Recreation Authority.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to HB1070.

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