

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB557

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

2. **Patron:** Hope

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; preservation of public parklands, recreation areas.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to prioritize the preservation of the natural beauty and the natural resources of the countryside and public park and recreation lands within the localities embraced by the Authority and prohibits the Authority from approving any program or project that requires the use of any publicly owned land from a (i) public park; (ii) recreation area; or (iii) wildlife or waterfowl refuge of national, statewide, or local significance as determined by the local governing body of any locality having jurisdiction over such wildlife or waterfowl refuge unless (a) there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of such land and (b) such program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to such park, recreation area, or wildlife or waterfowl refuge resulting from such use.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The costs to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to comply with the additional planning required by this bill are indeterminate. The impact to any individual projects undertaken by the NVTA to comply with these provisions is also indeterminate.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.