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REPORT OF THE
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON

**COMMERCE,
AGRICULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 30



VIRGINIA HOUSE
APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN LUKE E. TORIAN

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The scope of the Commerce, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Subcommittee is extensive with topics ranging from water quality to protecting workers to housing affordability. This year is no different. Our Subcommittee considered every idea presented to us with a focus on creating a better-quality life for Virginians while at the same time practicing fiscal restraint. I would like to take a few moments to highlight some of the key items included in the Subcommittee report before you.

In the area of Labor, the Subcommittee report contains significant investments to raise the minimum wage and provide paid sick leave for state workers, constitutional employees, and state-funded home health care workers, and allow these groups to collectively bargain. Over the biennium these investments total \$45.6 million. The Subcommittee report includes substantial resources for the Department of Labor and Industry, which has been chronically underfunded, to better protect Virginia workers and enforce our state's labor laws with \$15.3 million in new resources over the biennium.

Our Subcommittee report addresses the housing affordability crisis using a multifaceted approach that provides resources for construction-related projects, eviction prevention, and homelessness response efforts. The Subcommittee report contains \$25.0 million to

capitalize a new fund focused on the development of mixed-income housing. It also brings the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to a total of \$187.5 million over the biennium, which is its highest funding level to date. The Subcommittee report helps families facing eviction by investing \$16.9 million over the biennium in the Virginia Eviction Reduction Program.

The Subcommittee report also includes more than \$677 million in water quality-related investments to continue the Commonwealth's robust and long-standing support for improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. This historic investment includes \$329 million for wastewater treatment plant improvements, \$254 million for nonpoint source pollution reductions including agricultural best management practices, \$50 million to support state-mandated improvements to the Richmond Combined Sewer Overflow improvement project, and nearly \$44 million to support local stormwater system improvements across the Commonwealth.

Our Subcommittee report is included in the materials before the Committee, and at this time, I will ask staff to review the report in greater detail with the members. I hope it will be the pleasure of the Committee to adopt the report.

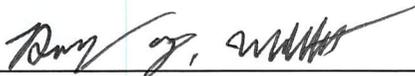
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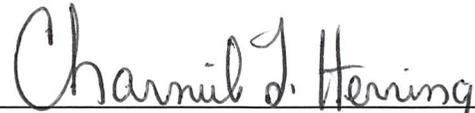
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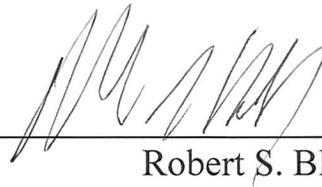
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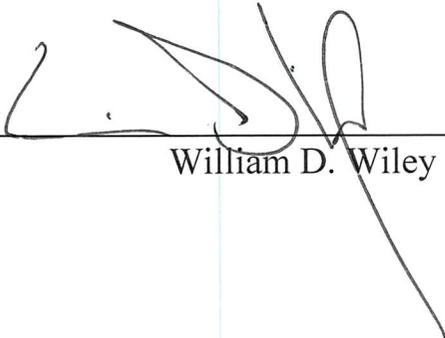
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HB 30 Amendments	2026-2028 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
EXECUTIVE OFFICES			
Office of the Governor			
HB 285: Distributed Energy Resources Task Force	\$85,354	-	
ADMINISTRATION			
Department of General Services			
HB 61: SWAM Procurement	-	\$275,000	
Department of Human Resource Management			
HB 54: State Internship Coordinator	\$350,448	-	1
Virginia Information Technologies Agency			
HB 61: SWaM Procurement	-	\$1,125,000	2
COMMERCE AND TRADE			
Economic Development Incentive Payments			
Governor's New Airline Service Incentive Fund: Increase Awards	Language		
Update References for Economic Development Incentives	Language		
Continue Support for Fast Acting Insulin	\$2,000,000	-	
Loan Repayment Provisions for Newport News Housing Project	Language		
Atlantic Park Development	\$5,000,000		
Department of Housing and Community Development			
Increase Support for Virginia Eviction Reduction Program	\$10,000,000	-	
HB 820: Virginia Housing Revolving Loan Fund	\$25,000,000	-	
Virginia Housing Trust Fund	\$12,500,000	-	
HB 3: Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization	\$24,000	-	
HB 196: Virginia Residential Development Infrastructure Program	\$5,000,000	-	
HB 804: Statewide Housing Targets for Localities	\$726,000	-	3
Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund	Language		
Increase Homelessness Services Funding	\$14,000,000	-	
New Language for Manufactured Home Park Acquisitions	Language		
Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund Interest	Language		
Housing Opportunities Made Equal	\$250,000	-	
HB 374: Manufactured Home Lot Rental Act	\$322,000	-	1
Local Housing Trust Fund	\$5,000,000	-	

2026-2028 BIENNIAL TOTAL			
HB 30 Amendments	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Herndon-Reston FISH	\$200,000	-	
Aquaponics Facility Development	\$1,350,000	-	
Main Street Redevelopment in the Town of Dumfries	\$7,000,000	-	
Address Staffing for Virginia Main Street Program	(\$280,000)	-	
Allow VATI Funds to be Used for Make Ready Work	Language		
VATI Funds for Natural Disasters	Language		
Sterling Foundation	\$25,000	-	
Department of Energy			
HB 683: Solar Interconnection Grant Program	\$2,000,000	-	
HB 67: Offshore Wind Workforce Development	\$300,000	-	
HB 895: Energy Storage Regulation	\$425,000	-	1
HB 590: Smart Solar Permitting Platform	\$50,000	-	
HB 833: EV Charging Stations in New Housing Developments	\$25,000	-	
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity			
HB 61: SWAM Procurement	\$498,720	-	2
Virginia Economic Development Partnership			
Internship Program at VEDP	\$2,000,000	-	
Virginia Tourism Authority			
Sports Tourism Program	\$1,000,000	-	
Blue Highway Festival	\$100,000	-	
Tourism Marketing Campaign	\$5,600,000	-	
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority			
Virginia Institute for Biotechnology	(\$29,000,000)	-	
Virginia Tech Patient Research Center	\$6,000,000	-	
VCU Medicines for All Institute	\$3,000,000	-	
HB 1249: Creative Economy Task Force	Language		
VASEM Operational Support	\$75,000	-	
LABOR			
Department of Labor and Industry			
HB 569: Prevailing Wage Rates	\$2,406,000	-	3
Wage Enforcement and Systems Development	\$10,135,000	-	25
HB 5: Paid Sick Leave	\$2,107,738	-	14
HB 1092: Heat Stress Regulations	\$610,813	-	
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation			
Fees Adjustments by DPOR and DHP	Language		

HB 30 Amendments	2026-2028 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement			
Health and Biomedical Sciences Workforce Development	\$500,000	-	
Talent Capital Initiative Support	\$200,000	-	
Virginia Employment Commission			
HB 1207: Paid Family and Medical Leave Program		Language	
TRANSPORTATION			
Secretary of Transportation			
Rural EV Charging Infrastructure		Language	
CENTRAL ACCOUNTS			
HB 5: Paid Sick Leave	\$11,125,212	-	
HB 1: Minimum Wage	\$14,570,550	-	
HB 1444: Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank	\$1,000,000	-	
HB 1263: Collective Bargaining	\$20,000,000	-	
PART 3			
Balances from Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund		Language	

HB 30 Amendments	2026-28 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY			
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services			
Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program & Virginia Fresh Match	4,000,000		
HB 1465 - Blue Catfish Marketing and Production	251,352		1
HB 1110 - Chesapeake Wild Harvest Certification	90,000		
HB 642 - VDACS Weights and Measures, Retail Cannabis	1,099,456		4
HB 642 - VDACS Food Safety, Retail Cannabis	631,274		2
HB 145 - Fantasy Contests Act		261,388	
Department of Forestry			
Backfill Community Forestry Positions	497,518		2
NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES			
Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources			
U.S. Army Corps Chincoteague Inlet Study	1,500,000		
Review of Statewide Stranding Response Network	Language		
Department of Conservation and Recreation			
Biosolids Coordinator	280,000		1
Lake Anna Buoy Maintenance and Hydrilla Mitigation	60,000		
Supplemental WQIF Deposit	(36,200,000)		
Remove Proposed Cap on NRCF Interest Transfers to WQIF Reserve	Language		
Virginia Conservation Assistance Program	2,000,000		
Lake Barcroft Dam	1,497,500		
Department of Environmental Quality			
PFAS Action Plan Development and Permit Administration	1,300,000		5
Study of Groundwater Supply in Western Loudoun and Fauquier	200,000		
Hazardous Substances Storage Tanks	600,000		
HB 1011 - Expand Litter Tax Study to Include Compost	200,000		
HB 1502 - Study of Standby Generators Used by Permitted Commercial Facilities	250,000		
Richmond CSO	50,000,000		
PFAS Disposal Alternatives Analysis	500,000		
Bristow Manor Wastewater Collection System	1,000,000		

HB 30 Amendments	2026-28 BIENNIAL TOTAL		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	FTEs
WQIF Wastewater Treatment Plant Deposit	188,870,745		
Amend Application Acceptance Requirements	Language		
Requirement to Rejoin Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative	Language		
Department of Wildlife Resources			
Reflect Cost to DWR of Statewide Salary Increases		795,797	
Department of Historic Resources			
Historic Nimmo United Methodist Church	500,000		
Dodona Manor	250,000		
Andrew Johnston House	295,000		
Historic Pocahontas Fuel Building	107,800		
Proposed Walkway Project	(160,000)		
September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance	160,000		
Moore St. School	50,000		
National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial	1,500,000		
Increase Support for BIPOC Fund	2,000,000		
Allow for Grants Administration Cost Recoveries	Language		
Historic Fairfax Courthouse	500,000		
Fincastle Museum	2,500,000		
Marine Resources Commission			
HB 52 - Beneficial Uses of Dredged Material	218,896		1
Conveyance of Certain Easements to City of Norfolk	Language		
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES			
HB 271 - Establish Virginia Gaming Commission		15,000,000	37
PART 3			
Increase State Racing Operations Fund Transfer	Language		
Reflect Cost to DWR of Statewide Salary Increases	Language		

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Item 44 #1h

Executive Offices	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Office of the Governor	\$85,354	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 43, line 4, strike "\$8,643,357" and insert "\$8,728,711".

Page 43, after line 47, insert:

"H. Out of the appropriation for this item, \$85,354 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 285 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$85,354 in fiscal year 2027 for the Governor's Office to manage the work of the Distributed Energy Resources Task Force created by House Bill 285 of the 2026 General Assembly.)

Item 70 #1h

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of General Services	\$275,000	\$0	NGF

Language:

Page 72, line 15, strike "\$73,089,587" and insert "\$73,364,587".

Page 72, after line 50, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$275,000 the first year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 61 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$275,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the nongeneral fund for the Department of General Services to update eVA, the state's electronic procurement system.)

Item 74 #1h

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Human Resource Management	\$175,224 1.00	\$175,224 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 76, line 14, strike "\$118,052,873" and insert "\$118,228,097".

Page 76, line 14, strike "\$117,376,823" and insert "\$117,552,047".

Page 78, after line 14, insert:

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"J. Out of this appropriation, \$175,224 the first year and \$175,224 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 54 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$175,224 in each year of the biennium from the general fund for the Department of Human Resource Management to hire an internship coordinator to place interns with state agencies. A companion amendment to Part 3 reverts \$10.3 million from the Innovative Internship program at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to help fund this amendment.)

Item 81 #1h

Administration	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Information Technologies Agency	\$650,000 2.00	\$475,000 2.00	NGF FTE

Language:

Page 84, line 23, strike "\$62,872,754" and insert "\$63,522,754".

Page 84, line 23, strike "\$62,872,754" and insert "\$63,347,754".

Page 86, after line 16, insert:

"H. Out of this appropriation, \$650,000 the first year and \$475,000 the second year from the nongeneral fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 61 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.1 million over the biennium from the nongeneral fund for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency to hire two additional employees to manage SWaM related contracts and support the Division of Procurement Enhancement at the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity proposed in House Bill 61 of the 2026 General Assembly.)

Item 84 #1h

Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$4,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 89, line 12, strike "\$8,794,330" and insert "\$12,794,330".

Page 89, line 17, before "Out" insert "A."

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Page 89, line 17, strike the first "\$1,600,000" and insert "\$4,600,000".

Page 89, line 21, after "Virginia." insert:

"B. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund to implement Virginia Fresh Match to grow the network of farmers markets and local food retailers that double the value of SNAP food assistance spent on fruits and vegetables for food insecure families."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$4 million the first year from the general fund to support the Virginia Agricultural Food Assistance Program and the implementation of Virginia Fresh Match.)

	Item 86 #1h		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$125,676 1.00	\$125,676 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 89, line 37, strike "\$29,195,036" and insert "\$29,320,712".

Page 89, line 37, strike "\$29,195,036" and insert "\$29,320,712".

Page 91, after line 14, insert:

"L. Out of the amounts in this item, \$125,676 the first year and \$125,676 the second year from the general fund to support blue catfish marketing and production activities of the Marine Products Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$126,000 each year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 1465.)

	Item 86 #2h		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$45,000	\$45,000	GF

Language:

Page 89, line 37, strike "\$29,195,036" and insert "\$29,240,036".

Page 89, line 37, strike "\$29,195,036" and insert "\$29,240,036".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$45,000 each year from the general fund for the creation of a voluntary Chesapeake Wild Harvest certification for blue catfish pursuant to House Bill 1110.)

	Item 91 #1h		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$549,728 4.00	\$549,728 4.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 92, line 26, strike "\$4,355,741" and insert "\$4,905,469".

Page 92, line 26, strike "\$4,355,741" and insert "\$4,905,469".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$550,000 each year from the general fund and four positions to support workload increases for the VDACS Office of Weights and Measures related to the establishment of an adult-use recreational cannabis market pursuant to House Bill 642.)

	Item 92 #1h		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$315,637 2.00	\$315,637 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 92, line 49, strike "\$18,297,875" and insert "\$18,613,512".

Page 92, line 49, strike "\$18,297,875" and insert "\$18,613,512".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$316,000 each year and two positions to reflect workload increases for the VDACS food safety and security program related to the establishment of an adult use recreational cannabis market pursuant to House Bill 642.)

	Item 94 #1h		
Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	\$130,694	\$130,694	NGF

Language:

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Page 93, line 48, strike "\$2,392,683" and insert "\$2,523,377".

Page 93, line 48, strike "\$2,392,683" and insert "\$2,523,377".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$131,000 each year from nongeneral funds pursuant to House Bill 145, which makes changes to the regulation and taxation of fantasy contests in the Commonwealth.)

		Item 96 #1h	
Agriculture and Forestry	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Forestry	\$271,259	\$226,259	GF
	2.00	2.00	FTE

Language:

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$48,743,642" and insert "\$49,014,901".

Page 94, line 35, strike "\$48,608,642" and insert "\$48,834,901".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$271,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 and \$226,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2028 to support the cost of two existing community forestry positions that have historically been supported by federal funding.)

		Item 101 #1h
Commerce and Trade		Language
Economic Development Incentive Payments		

Language:

Page 101, after line 3, insert:

"3. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.2-2320.1, Code of Virginia, guidance, or criteria to the contrary, an airline providing international service at least twice a week to an international destination from a Virginia airport that is not owned or leased by Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) may receive an incentive not to exceed \$500,000 if such service is year round, or not to exceed \$300,000 if such service is seasonal."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the maximum grant awards from the Governor's New Airline Service Incentive Fund for increasing the number of international flights that originate from Virginia airports.)

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 101, line 48, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 101, strike lines 49 through 51, and insert:

"to the Precision Plastic Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with § 59.1-284.41, Code of Virginia."

Page 101, line 53, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 101, strike line 54.

Page 102, strike lines 1 and 2, and insert:

"to the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with House Bill 800 and Senate Bill 404 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Page 102, line 4, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 102, strike lines 5 through 7, and insert:

"to the Power Transformer Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with House Bill 799 and Senate Bill 403 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Page 102, line 9, after "deposited" strike remainder of the line.

Page 102, strike lines 10 through 12, and insert:

"to the Pharmaceutical Substance Manufacturing Grant Fund for grants to be paid in accordance with House Bill 1076 and Senate Bill 527 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment is technical in nature, and updates the references for several economic development incentive payments.)

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Economic Development Incentive
Payments

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 21, strike "\$79,409,579" and insert "\$81,409,579".

Page 102, after line 20, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority (VEDP) to continue support for a non-profit operating a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in developing a fast-acting insulin."

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Prior to any funds being disbursed, pursuant to the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the non-profit and the Authority, the company shall demonstrate a match of non-state funds equal to the amount provided in this paragraph. No state funds provided in this paragraph or paragraph W., Item 101, Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly shall be provided to the company until the company has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Authority sufficient funding estimated at \$27.0 million is available to produce the fast-acting insulin. At the conclusion of the project, the company shall be required to report to the authority on the: (i) jobs created as a result of the investment; (ii) estimated savings to residents of the Commonwealth from the purchase of low-cost insulin; and, (iii) estimated potential savings to the Commonwealth as a self-insured employer from the availability of affordable insulin manufactured at a non-profit facility in Virginia. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority to partner with a non-profit entity for the continued development of a fast-acting insulin. This funding would be in addition to \$3.0 million provided from state resources for this purpose in fiscal year 2025, and allow the company to raise private resources to reach the \$27.0 million needed to complete the project.)

Item 101 #4h

Commerce and Trade

Economic Development Incentive Payments

Language

Language:

Page 102, after line 20, insert:

"R. Notwithstanding the provisions of Item 101, paragraph R.1. and R.2., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly repayment of the treasury loan authorized in paragraph Item 101, paragraph R.1., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly will be at the determination of the Governor and General Assembly."

Explanation:

(The General Assembly approved a \$40.0 million loan for the City of Newport News during the 2024 General Assembly Session to help construct housing for Navy personnel. This amendment allows the Governor and General Assembly to exercise discretion in setting terms for loan repayment and identifying performance metrics for which future repayment options can be based.)

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Item 101 #5h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Economic Development Incentive Payments	\$5,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 99, line 21, strike "\$79,409,579" and insert "\$84,409,579".

Page 102, after line 20, insert:

"S. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be transferred to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade for disbursement to the City of Virginia Beach for the development of Atlantic Park. The funding may be applied to engineering, infrastructure, maintenance, and other related costs to facilitate development and expansion activities. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated. The funds provided in this paragraph shall not be used to supplant any existing appropriations from local, state, or federal entities for the development of Atlantic Park."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2027 to the City of Virginia Beach for the continued development of Atlantic Park. Atlantic Park is a year-round district that includes a live entertainment and events venue, office space, housing, shopping and dining.)

Item 102 #1h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$10,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$321,162,101".

Page 104, line 20, strike the first "\$3,450,000" and insert:

"\$13,450,000".

Page 104, line 25, after "Department." insert:

"The Department shall expand the program to underserved regions of the state including Northern Virginia. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$10.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund

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to the Virginia Eviction Reduction Program (VERP), which provides funding to local and regional eviction prevention programs to cover expenses for households facing eviction.)

Item 102 #2h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$25,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$336,162,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 820 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to capitalize the Virginia Housing Revolving Loan Fund, established by House Bill 820 of the 2026 General Assembly.)

Item 102 #3h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$12,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$323,662,101".

Page 103, line 38, strike the first "\$87,500,000" and insert "\$100,000,000".

Page 103, after line 56, insert:

"4. The Department shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to review and make recommendations regarding the administration of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (the Trust Fund), including the allocation of funds across Trust Fund programs. The workgroup shall develop recommendations to support the Trust Fund's continued growth and optimization, including consideration of potential dedicated funding sources and innovative programs to address the evolving affordable housing needs across the Commonwealth. The Department shall submit the workgroup's findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than November 1, 2026. The stakeholder workgroup shall include representatives of the following, to the extent practicable: awardees of all Virginia Housing Trust Fund programs; affordable housing developers; homeless service providers; tenants, with priority for those in housing supported by the Trust Fund; affordable housing advocates, including the Virginia Housing

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Alliance; relevant state agencies; staff to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees; and other stakeholders as identified by the Department."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to convene a workgroup to examine the current uses of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund, and provide recommendations on how best to optimize the resources in the Fund to address housing affordability, supply issues, and homelessness. It also provides an additional \$12.5 million in fiscal year 2027 for deposit into the Virginia Housing Trust Fund, bringing total biennial support to \$187.5 million.)

	Item 102 #4h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$24,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,186,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$24,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 3 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$24,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development to support the work of the Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force created by House Bill 3 of the 2026 General Assembly.)

	Item 102 #5h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$5,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$316,162,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 196 of the 2026 General Assembly. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028

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shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from general fund to launch the Virginia Residential Development Infrastructure Pilot Program at the Department of Housing and Community Development. The pilot program will provide grants to local governments for public infrastructure improvements to support residential developments. Language in the bill allows the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Virginia Resources Authority to recover any administrative costs from the funds appropriated to the program.)

Item 102 #7h

Commerce and Trade

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$363,000
3.00

\$363,000 GF
3.00 FTE

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,525,101".

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,525,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$363,000 the first year and \$363,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 804 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$363,000 in each year of the biennium from the general fund and authorizes additional employees for the Department of Housing and Community Development to process housing growth plans starting July 1, 2027.)

Item 102 #8h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 104, line 55, after "P." insert "1."

Page 105, after line 4, insert:

"2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Item 103, paragraph Q.2., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, guidance, or criteria to the contrary, the Department in making grants to projects aligned with the purpose of paragraph Q.2., Item 103, Paragraph Q.2., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly shall give priority to applications that are consistent with state floodplain

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management standards for state-owned buildings or local floodplain standards, whichever are more stringent. Notwithstanding the provisions of Item 103, paragraph Q.2., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, guidance, or criteria to the contrary, the Department shall award up to \$150,000 per eligible bridge and \$50,000 per retaining wall. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall award up to \$300,000 per project for bridges and culverts and up to \$100,000 per project for slope stabilization for eligible projects under Category 1.A. grants of the Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to prioritize applications that are consistent with state floodplain standards when awarding grants from the resiliency focused portion of the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund authorized in the previous budget. It also increases the maximum grant awards for bridges and retaining walls for the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund and Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund to accommodate the higher standards.)

	Item 102 #9h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$318,162,101".
Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$318,162,101".
Page 103, line 15, strike "\$1,100,000" and "\$1,100,000" and insert: "\$7,100,000" and "\$7,100,000".
Page 103, line 26, strike "\$675,000" and "\$675,000" and insert: "\$1,675,000" and "\$1,675,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$6.0 million in each year of the biennium for rapid rehousing efforts and an additional \$1.0 million in each year of the biennium to Continuum of Care lead agencies to support their organizational capacity to serve the growing population of Virginians at risk of or experiencing homelessness.)

	Item 102 #10h
Commerce and Trade	
Department of Housing and Community Development	Language

Language:

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Page 104, line 49, after "authorization." insert:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of Item 102, paragraph M.1. through M.7., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, guidance, or criteria to the contrary, the Department may use up to \$750,000 of the funds provided for the Manufactured Home Park Acquisitions Pilot program to award grants to eligible groups as defined in Item 102, paragraph M.2., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly to complete any necessary due diligence work necessary prior to making an offer on a manufactured home park."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows resources in the Manufactured Home Park Acquisitions program to be used to fund due diligence work.)

Item 102 #12h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 105, strike lines 5 through 7.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language authorizing the transfer of \$35.0 million in interest earnings from the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program Fund to a new disaster relief fund. A companion amendment in the Public Safety Secretariat eliminates this fund.)

Item 102 #13h

Commerce and Trade

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Housing and
Community Development

\$250,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,412,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond for Housing Opportunities Made Equal to provide statewide education and outreach about the protected classes covered under Virginia's Fair Housing law, and to investigate and enforce allegations of housing discrimination."

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to Housing Opportunities Made Equal to support education, outreach, and enforcement of Virginia's Fair Housing Law.)

Item 102 #14h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$161,000 1.00	\$161,000 1.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,323,101".

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,323,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$161,000 the first year and \$161,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 374 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$161,000 in each year of the biennium from the general fund and authorization for the Department of Housing and Community Development to hire an employee to manage the registration of manufactured home park owners with the Department.)

Item 102 #15h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$5,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$316,162,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$5,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Prince William County to support the County's housing trust fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$5.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to support Prince William County's Housing Trust Fund.)

Item 102 #16h

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Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$200,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 102, line 31, strike "\$311,162,101" and insert "\$311,362,101".

Page 105, after line 7, insert:

"R. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Fairfax for a partnership with the Herndon-Reston FISH program to offer rapid, flexible emergency assistance to individuals facing eviction."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to Fairfax County to partner with the Herndon-Reston FISH program that works directly with families to avoid eviction.)

Item 103 #1h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$1,350,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$79,037,403".

Page 112, after line 12, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$1,350,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Petersburg to work with Petersburg City Public Schools, Virginia State University, and other community and non-profit partners to develop a state-of-the-art aquaponics food production, education, and research facility. The funding provided in this paragraph may be used for site selection, community engagement, master plan development, design, staffing, and launching aquaponics pilot programs with three public schools in Petersburg City. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.4 million in one-time funding to support the development of an aquaponics food production, education, and research facility in Petersburg.)

Item 103 #2h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
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Department of Housing and Community Development	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	GF
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Language:

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$81,187,403".

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$81,187,403".

Page 112, after line 12, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$3,500,000 the first year and \$3,500,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to the Town of Dumfries to support the development of the U.S. Route 1 corridor. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.5 million in each year of the biennium from the general fund for the Town of Dumfries to support redevelopment projects along the U.S. Route 1 corridor including pedestrian safety improvements, placemaking, and historic preservation activities.)

Item 103 #3h

Commerce and Trade

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Housing and
Community Development

(\$140,000)

(\$140,000) GF

Language:

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$77,547,403".

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$77,547,403".

Page 107, line 43, strike "the Virginia Main Street program,".

Page 107, line 41, strike "\$1,139,000" and "\$1,139,000" and insert:
"\$999,000" and "\$999,000".

Page 107, line 42, after "Program." insert:

"The Department is authorized to use up to forty percent of the funds provided in this paragraph each year to administer the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment increases funding for the Virginia Main Street Program by \$360,000 in each year of the biennium to ensure the state retains its accreditation with the Main Street America program, which requires one state program staffer for every 10 main street communities. The state currently has 30 main street communities.)

Item 103 #4h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 108, after line 49, insert:

"7.a. Out of the unobligated amounts in this paragraph, the Department may utilize up to \$20,000,000 to establish a program to provide grants for unexpected costs incurred by broadband providers related to the expansion of broadband throughout the Commonwealth. Such "Broadband Deployment Awards" are intended for reimbursement of unexpected make ready costs incurred by providers of broadband service expanding service to unserved areas pursuant to a state or federal grant. For purposes of this paragraph "unexpected make ready costs" shall be limited to related utility pole replacements and mid-span pole installations; railroad crossings; and, where cost-effective, undergrounding of broadband lines.

b. The Department shall establish an application process for broadband providers to apply for such Broadband Deployment Awards. The intent of such awards is to mitigate broadband deployment-related costs that applicants have already paid or committed to paying, rather than making deployment contingent on receipt of a Broadband Deployment Award. Applicants shall be required to submit the following information: (i) the amount of the requested funding; (ii) documentation sufficient to establish that the applicant has already paid or committed to spending the money necessary to complete the broadband deployment; (iii) an explanation as to why the actual make ready costs were higher than anticipated when the provider sought state or federal grant funding; and (iv) any other information, protections, or criteria determined by the department as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this subparagraph 7. In evaluating applications for Broadband Deployment Awards, the Department shall ensure that such Broadband Deployment Awards are not awarded to providers that unreasonably underestimated or underbid their make ready costs when seeking state or federal grants."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows the Department of Housing and Community Development to use previously provided funding for the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative to help offset additional broadband deployment costs for make ready work related to the attachment of fiber cable to utility poles.)

Item 103 #5h

Commerce and Trade

Department of Housing and Community Development

Language

Language:

Page 108, after line 49, insert:

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7.a. Out of the unobligated amounts in this paragraph, the department may utilize up to \$20,000,000 to restore telecommunications infrastructure damaged by a storm that was subsequently approved for a major disaster, as defined in § 44-146.16, Code of Virginia. This authorization shall only be permitted as a last resort and until such time that federal or additional state funds are available for such purpose.

b. The Department shall work with the Virginia Department of Transportation to develop and implement an annual process identifying recently approved Virginia Telecommunications Initiative and Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program projects against transportation projects in the annual Six-Year Improvement Program. The process is intended to help broadband providers avoid potential right of way conflicts as part of broadband project planning and pre-engineering activities. The annual process shall be completed no later than 90 days following adoption of the annual Six-Year Improvement Program, and to the best of its ability, the Department shall make grantees aware of its annual findings."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to use Virginia Telecommunications Initiative Funds to replace broadband lines damaged by natural disasters. It also directs DHCD to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation to coordinate the deployment of both road and broadband infrastructure to avoid any future destruction of state funded assets.)

Item 103 #6h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Housing and Community Development	\$25,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 105, line 8, strike "\$77,687,403" and insert "\$77,712,403".

Page 112, after line 12, insert:

"X. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to Loudoun County to support the work of the Sterling Foundation."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund for the Sterling Foundation that promotes and engages in community development activities.)

Item 109 #1h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
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Department of Energy \$2,000,000 \$0 GF

Language:

Page 114, line 2, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$6,931,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Solar Interconnection Grant Program. The Department may use up to fifteen percent of the funds provided in the paragraph for staffing in each year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to capitalize the Solar Interconnection Grant Program established by House Bill 683 of the 2026 General Assembly. This program will provide competitive grants to localities to connect solar facilities to the grid.)

Item 109 #2h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Energy	\$150,000	\$150,000	GF

Language:

Page 114, line 2, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$5,081,922".

Page 114, line 2, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$5,081,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 67 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$150,000 in each year of the biennium from the general fund to support costs incurred by the Department of Energy for identifying and developing training resources for Virginia's offshore wind workforce.)

Item 109 #3h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Energy	\$275,000	\$150,000	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$5,206,922".

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Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$5,081,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$275,000 the first year and \$150,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 895 of the 2026 General Assembly. The Department may use the funds provided in this paragraph to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Corporation Commission or the Weldon Cooper Center at the University of Virginia to implement House Bill 895 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$425,000 over the biennium from the general fund to the Department of Energy to develop a model ordinance for energy storage regulation by localities as well as manage several workgroup examining long and short term energy storage.)

	Item 109 #4h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Energy	\$50,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$4,981,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 590 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 in fiscal year from the general fund to the Department of Energy to conduct a workgroup on the costs and implementation of a centralized Smart Solar Permitting Platform.)

	Item 109 #5h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Energy	\$25,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 114, line 1, strike "\$4,931,922" and insert "\$4,956,922".

Page 114, after line 35, insert:

"F. Out of this appropriation, \$25,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 833 of the 2026 General Assembly."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$25,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Department of Energy to evaluate the design and deployment of the electrical distribution infrastructure necessary to support the installation of electric vehicle charging facilities in new developments consisting of single family and multifamily residential units.)

		Item 111 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity	\$249,360 2.00	\$249,360 2.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 115, line 2, strike "\$9,025,318" and insert "\$9,274,678".

Page 115, line 2, strike "\$9,025,318" and insert "\$9,274,678".

Page 116, after line 29, insert:

"I. Out of this appropriation, \$249,360 the first year and \$249,360 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 61 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$249,360 in fiscal year 2027 and \$249,360 in fiscal year 2028 from the general fund for the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to hire two additional SWaM Contract Compliance Officer positions to support the Division of Procurement Enhancement created by House Bill 61 of the 2026 General Assembly.)

		Item 113 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Economic Development Partnership	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	GF

Language:

Page 117, line 29, strike "\$60,413,402" and insert "\$61,413,402".

Page 117, line 29, strike "\$60,413,402" and insert "\$61,413,402".

Page 119, strike lines 29 through 55.

Page 120, strike lines 1 through 20, and insert:

"S.1. Out of this appropriation, \$7,000,000 the first year and \$7,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support employer-focused activities that further the goal of providing all postsecondary students in Virginia with one or more paid internships during their

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undergraduate course of study. These activities include: (i) administering the matching grant program for certain employers of higher education related student interns as provided in S.2.; (ii) coordinating regional collaboratives to serve as intermediaries for employers seeking to initiate or expand employment of higher education related student interns in a region; and (iii) measuring and reporting program participation and progress toward identified goals through the Virginia Office of Education and Workforce Alignment. The Authority shall convene a stakeholder group from business, industry, education, economic and workforce development, and government, including the following primary partners for employer engagement: Virginia Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Business Higher Education Council; and other statewide local government and non-profit education partners to design these activities. At the recommendation of the stakeholder group, the Authority may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Virginia Works to carry out the activities listed in this paragraph; however, the Authority shall remain the fiscal agent for these activities. Such amounts to be authorized will be subject to annual approval by the Board of the Authority.

2. The Authority shall provide for implementation of a program of matching grants for small and midsize Virginia-based employers that hire undergraduate student interns and shall establish criteria for the grants in consultation with the partners identified in paragraph S.1. of this Item. Such criteria shall include: (i) a limitation of eligibility to for-profit business, nonprofit organizations, and local governments excluding institutions of higher education, with physical operations and facilities in Virginia and 150 or fewer Virginia-based employees; (ii) certification of employer eligibility by the Authority following a training program of reasonable duration and agreement by the employer to reasonable mentoring and reporting obligations; (iii) a limitation of grant awards to reimbursement, not to exceed \$7,500 per higher education related internship, for a maximum of one-half of wages, including FICA, and workplace subsidies, including transportation, housing, and other internship-related expenses, paid to or for the benefit of a student participating in a qualifying internship; (iv) the minimum and maximum number of hours required to ensure the student gains valuable work experience; (v) a limitation of the qualifying number of higher education related internships per employer; and (vi) the maximum timeframe for employers to be eligible to receive the grants. Prioritization of grant awards may consider employers of 50 or fewer employees, for private and non-profit employers. Priority shall be given to smaller units of local government; however, the 50 employee threshold shall not apply to them. Local governments shall be exempt from the employee requirement of clause (i.) of this paragraph. The Authority may provide other services to employers, including arranging for one or more staffing agencies to provide services related to higher education related intern recruitment and placement, but eligibility for matching grants shall not be conditioned on an employer's engagement with or use of such staffing agency or other services. Local government awards shall be limited to ten percent of total funding set aside by the Authority for employer matching grants.

3. The Authority may employ a program administrator, contract for professional services related to marketing and communications, and take such other actions within its existing authority as it deems appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this paragraph and facilitate the partnerships and collaboration described herein. All activities and amounts are subject to annual approval by

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the Board of the Authority.

4. The Authority shall cooperate with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and identified partners in carrying out the responsibilities of the Council identified in Item 133 I. of this act and shall formalize this cooperation through a MOU.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of law, the senior leader responsible for the internship program identified in Item 113 S. may serve as a designee for the President of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership as specified in § 23.1-200 C.

6. Out of the amounts in this paragraph, \$750,000 the first year is provided for the MOVE Chamber, in partnership with the Authority and the Virginia Community College System, to develop and implement a pilot program to provide internship and apprenticeship opportunities with existing Virginia businesses for at least 1,000 students and recent graduates of the Virginia Community College System in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Cybersecurity over the next three years. This program will be delivered by the MOVE Chamber of Tysons, Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides an additional \$1.0 million in each year of the biennium for the Internship Virginia program managed by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority, and allows local governments to apply for matching grants to help offset the costs of providing internship opportunities to college students.)

	Item 114 #1h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

- Page 120, line 25, strike "\$31,385,719" and insert "\$32,385,719".
- Page 122, line 15, after "P." insert "1."
- Page 122, line 15, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert: "\$6,000,000".
- Page 122, line 17, after "Virginia." insert: "It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amounts in this paragraph provided for the Virginia Sports Incentive Grant Program be provided in its entirety in the first quarter of the fiscal year."
- Page 122, after line 17, insert: "2. Out of the amounts in this paragraph, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for sponsorship and partnership with and promotion of the 2027 LIV Golf Tournament hosted in Gainesville, Virginia at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club. Out of the amounts in this paragraph \$500,000 the first year is provided for sponsorship and promotion of a globally broadcasted golf tournament held in GO Virginia Regions 1, 2, or 8 in 2026."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund for the Virginia Sports Incentive Grant Program.)

	Item 114 #2h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$100,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 120, line 25, strike "\$31,385,719" and insert "\$31,485,719".

Page 121, line 1, strike the first "\$4,250,000" and insert:
"\$4,350,000".

Page 121, line 7, after "Virginia," insert:
"\$100,000 the first year to the Blue Highway Festival".

Page 121, after line 21, insert:

"4. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the amounts in this paragraph provided for the Blue Highway Festival shall be provided in its entirety in the first quarter of the fiscal year."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$100,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to support the Blue Highway Festival, held annually in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. It attracts tourist and musicians from around the world.)

	Item 114 #4h	
Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Tourism Authority	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000 GF

Language:

Page 120, line 25, strike "\$31,385,719" and insert "\$34,185,719".

Page 120, line 25, strike "\$26,385,719" and insert "\$29,185,719".

Page 122, after line 18, insert:

"Q. Out of this appropriation, \$2,800,000 the first year and \$2,800,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Tourism Authority to develop a marketing campaign to attract out of state visitors from Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic communities."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.8 million in each year from the general fund for the Virginia

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Tourism Authority to launch a media campaign to bring travelers from Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic communities to the state.)

Item 115 #1h

Commerce and Trade

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Virginia Innovation Partnership
Authority

(\$29,000,000)

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$76,786,965" and insert "\$47,786,965".

Page 127, line 19, after "reappropriated." insert:

"Notwithstanding Item 115, paragraph P., Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly, the University of Virginia shall revise its MOU with the Authority to direct unobligated resources provided by paragraph P. of Item 115, Chapter 725, 2025 Acts of Assembly to the completion of the physical structure that will serve as the Virginia Institute for Biotechnology. The updated MOU shall include a provision that requires the University of Virginia to offset any state funds used to complete the Virginia Institute for Biotechnology building with private philanthropic, university, or nonstate funds directed to the recruitment of research faculty for the Institute in equal amounts."

Page 127, line 20, strike "\$35,000,000" and insert "\$6,000,000".

Page 127, line 22, after "development" insert:

", which shall include completion of the physical structure that will serve as the Virginia Institute for Biotechnology".

Page 127, line 25, after "funding," strike up to ";".

Page 127, line 27, after "science." insert:

"The University of Virginia and the Authority may amend an existing MOU to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph."

Page 127, line 34, after "balances." insert:

"The MOU shall include a provision that requires the University of Virginia to offset any state funds used to complete the Virginia Institute for Biotechnology building with private philanthropic, university, or nonstate funds directed to the recruitment of research faculty for the Institute in equal amounts."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million for the continued development of the Virginia Institute for Biotechnology in Charlottesville, Virginia, bringing total general fund support for the effort to \$88.5 million.)

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Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	\$6,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$76,786,965" and insert "\$82,786,965".

Page 127, line 35, after Q. insert "1."

Page 127, after line 44, insert:

"2. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$6,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's Patient Research Center. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA) that includes (i) performance metrics for the state's investments; (ii) sources of private philanthropic, university, and other funding; (iii) the research specialization of the initiative; (iv) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (v) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Authority may amend an existing MOU to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed MOU has been received from VIPA. On or before August 1 of each year, upon the signature of the MOU, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include: (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$6.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to support Virginia Tech's Patient Research Center, bringing total general fund support to \$32.5 million.)

Item 115 #3h

Commerce and Trade	FY26-27	FY27-28
Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	\$3,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$76,786,965" and insert "\$79,786,965".

Page 127, line 45, after "R." insert "1."

Page 127, after line 54, insert:

"2. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$3,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for Virginia Commonwealth University's Medicines for All Institute. Virginia

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Commonwealth University shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority (VIPA) that includes (i) performance metrics for the state's investments; (ii) sources of private philanthropic, university, and other funding; (iii) the research specialization of the initiative; (iv) opportunities for joint research projects and clinical trials; and (v) commitments to non-competition for research in life sciences. Virginia Commonwealth University and the Authority may amend an existing MOU to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph. These amounts shall remain unallotted by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget until such time as an executed MOU has been received from VIPA. On or before August 1 of each year, upon the signature of the MOU, Virginia Commonwealth University shall submit information on the financial performance of the initiative to the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to include: (i) budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures to planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year; (ii) total investments broken out into various investment activities; and (iii) cash balances."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$3.0 million in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund for Virginia Commonwealth University's Medicines for All Institute, bringing total general fund support to \$16.0 million.)

Item 115 #5h

Commerce and Trade

Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority

Language

Language:

Page 128, strike line 9 through 14, and insert:

"T. The Authority is authorized to utilize up to \$100,000 the first year from the general fund to support the Creative Economy Task Force established by House Bill 1248 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs \$100,000 of existing resources in the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority to the management of the Creative Economy Task Force established by House Bill 1249 of the 2026 General Assembly. It also removes language directing the Authority to use existing resources to develop the Virginia Artificial Intelligence Institute, which is not necessary for the Authority to undertake this work.)

Item 115 #6h

Commerce and Trade

FY26-27

FY27-28

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Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority	\$75,000	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 122, line 21, strike "\$76,786,965" and insert "\$76,861,965".
 Page 127, line 10, strike the first "\$125,000" and insert "\$200,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases operational support for the Virginia Academy of Engineering, Science, and Medicine to expand the Commonwealth of Virginia Engineering and Science Fellowship program and to produce scientific briefs.)

Item 352 #1h

Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$2,053,000	\$353,000	GF
	3.00	3.00	FTE

Language:

Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$4,445,677".
 Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$2,745,677".
 Page 433, after line 3, insert:
 "D. Out of this appropriation, \$2,053,000 the first year and \$353,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 569 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million in fiscal year 2027 and \$353,000 in fiscal year 2028 from the general fund for the Department of Labor and Industry to hire three additional FTEs to administer a certified payroll program and conduct a state-wide survey of prevailing wage rates. Funding of \$1.7 million in fiscal year 2027 is for the Department of Labor and Industry to purchase a system for collecting certified payrolls.)

Item 352 #2h

Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$6,500,000	\$3,635,000	GF
	25.00	25.00	FTE

Language:

Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$8,892,677".

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Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$6,027,677".

Page 433, after line 3, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$6,500,000 the first year and \$3,635,000 the second year from the general fund is provided for the Department to hire additional personnel for labor law enforcement activities and to develop a comprehensive case management system. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated. The Secretary of Labor in collaboration with the Department, and the Department and Planning and Budget shall develop an implementation plan that includes: (i) reorganization of the labor law divisions' current responsibilities; (ii) a hiring strategy; (iii) space considerations to accommodate new personnel; and (iv) additional resources needed for Fiscal Year 2028. The Secretary of Labor shall submit this report to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$7.1 million over the biennium for the Department of Labor and Industry to hire 25 additional employees for enforcement of Virginia's labor laws and to develop a comprehensive wage, leave, and non-compete case management system. The funds provided in this amendment will allow the Department of Labor and Industry to implement House Bills 5, 20, 238, 260, 339, 627, 636, 670, 675, 923, 930, 944, and 1218 of the 2026 General Assembly. Companion amendments to this item and central accounts fund remaining staffing and personnel costs associated with House Bill 5.)

	Item 352 #4h		
Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$0 0.00	\$2,107,738 14.00	GF FTE

Language:

Page 432, line 12, strike "\$2,392,677" and insert "\$4,500,415".

Page 433, after line 3, insert:

"D. Out of this appropriation, \$2,107,738 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 5 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.1 million in fiscal year 2028 from the general fund for the Department of Labor and Industry to hire 14 additional staff to investigate paid sick leave related complaints. A companion amendment to this item provides \$3.0 million for the Department of Labor and Industry to develop new systems to track leave, wage, and non-compete related violations.)

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Item 353 #1h

Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Labor and Industry	\$106,133	\$504,680	GF

Language:

Page 433, line 4, strike "\$14,868,270" and insert "\$14,974,403".

Page 433, line 4, strike "\$14,868,270" and insert "\$15,372,950".

Page 433, after line 20, insert:

"C. Out of this appropriation, \$106,133 the first year and \$504,680 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1092 of the 2026 General Assembly."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$610,813 over the biennium from the general fund to support the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program for the purposes of working on heat stress regulations described by House Bill 1092 of the 2026 General Assembly.)

Item 356 #2h

Labor

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

Language

Language:

Page 434, after line 32, insert:

"E. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54. 1-113, any regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation may adjust its fees annually to reflect up to one and one-half times the rate of inflation from the previous date that the dollar amount was established, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, in order to appropriately maintain operating funds so that the fees are sufficient but not excessive to cover expenses. Such regulations shall be exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), except to any extent that they may be specifically made subject to §§ 2.2-4030 and 2.2-4031. Such regulations shall comply with the provisions of § 2.2-4103 of the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq.). Any regulatory board that amends its fees pursuant to this section shall conduct a public hearing prior to making such amendment."

Explanation:

(This amendment allows any regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to adjust its fees annually to reflect up to one and one-half times the rate of inflation. This is a companion amendment to

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House Bill 796 of the 2026 General Assembly that provides for a similar fee setting process.)

Item 357 #1h

Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 434, line 41, strike "\$47,153,983" and insert "\$47,653,983".

Page 435, after line 19, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for workforce development programming through the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board in partnership with the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers. The initiative will work to mitigate ongoing chronic healthcare labor challenges by increasing the flow of trained healthcare professionals who enter the field. Programs will be developed in collaboration with employers using verified health workforce data and will include but are not limited to the attraction and retention of skilled workers, and upskilling of incumbent workers. Funds will also assist employers with increased costs of required clinical instruction related to training programs in this initiative. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 over the biennium from the general fund to the Greater Roanoke Workforce Development Board to support talent development for the health and biomedical sciences industry in the Roanoke Valley and Alleghany Highlands.)

Item 357 #2h

Labor	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Workforce Development and Advancement	\$200,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 434, line 41, strike "\$47,153,983" and insert "\$47,353,983".

Page 435, after line 19, insert:

"E. Out of this appropriation, \$200,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to serve as Virginia's contribution to maintain and buildout the Talent Capital Initiative. The funding is contingent on the District of Columbia and Maryland committing a like amount to maintain this initiative through the end of

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calendar year 2027."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to serve as Virginia's share for maintaining and building the Talent Capital Initiative, which was established in 2025 to support both jobseekers and employers, including displaced federal employees and contractors.)

Item 359 #1h

Labor

Virginia Employment Commission

Language

Language:

Page 437, after line 44, insert:

"M. The Virginia Employment Commission is hereby authorized to request and receive a treasury loan to fund the necessary start-up costs associated with the implementation of a Paid Family and Medical Leave Program contingent upon the enactment of House Bill 1207 of the 2026 General Assembly. The treasury loan shall be repaid from revenues received from premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2028, and shall be repaid no later than January 1, 2034."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes a treasury loan for the implementation of House Bill 1207 of the 2026 General Assembly that requires the Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a Paid Family and Medical Leave program with benefits beginning January 1, 2029. Funding for the program is provided through premiums assessed to employers and employees beginning in 2028. Start-up costs for the program are expected to be \$116.5 million.)

Item 361 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Secretary of Natural Resources

\$1,500,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 439, line 3, strike "\$1,395,227" and insert "\$2,895,227".

Page 440, after line 25, insert:

"F. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the nonfederal match for a United States Army Corps of Engineers study of the causes of and potential solutions to widening in Chincoteague Inlet."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 as the nonfederal match for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study of the widening of Chincoteague Inlet.)

Item 361 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources

Secretary of Natural Resources

Language

Language:

Page 440, after line 25, insert:

"F. The Secretary shall conduct a review of the state's stranding response network for tidal waters and shorelines along the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. Such review shall include consideration of: (i) contributions to the network made by the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, and (ii) options to enhance state support of overall response activities. The Secretary shall provide a report on his findings to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1, 2026."

Explanation:

(This language amendment directs the Secretary of Natural Resources to conduct a review of the state's stranding response network for tidal waters and shorelines along the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay.)

Item 362 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$140,000
1.00

\$140,000 GF
1.00 FTE

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$435,015,166".

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$146,870,581" and insert "\$147,010,581".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the second year from the general fund and one position is provided for a biosolids coordinator consistent with the provisions of § 62.1-44.19:3C(8), Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$140,000 from the general fund each year and one position to

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support a biosolids coordinator position at the Department of Conservation and Recreation.)

		Item 362 #2h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$30,000	\$30,000	GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$434,905,166".

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$146,870,581" and insert "\$146,900,581".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the amounts in this item, \$30,000 the first year and \$30,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to support buoy maintenance and hydrilla mitigation activities at Lake Anna."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$30,000 from the general fund each year for buoy maintenance and hydrilla mitigation at Lake Anna.)

		Item 362 #3h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Conservation and Recreation	(\$36,200,000)	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$398,675,166".

Page 443, line 52, strike "\$144,121,142" and insert "\$107,921,142".

Page 444, line 8, strike "\$137,171,142" and insert "\$100,971,142".

Page 444, line 13, strike "\$83,537,226" and insert "\$61,491,425".

Page 444, line 15, strike "\$35,801,668" and insert "\$26,353,468".

Page 444, line 17, strike "\$17,832,248" and insert "\$13,126,248".

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$36.2 million the first year from the general fund supplemental deposit Water Quality Improvement Fund. This amendment preserves the mandatory Part A and Part B deposits totaling \$107.9 million the first year, as well as \$141.9 million in supplemental nongeneral fund deposits for agricultural best management practices found in Paragraphs U and V of Item 362 of House Bill 30 as introduced. From all funds, the total first year deposit for the Water Quality Improvement Fund after this action is \$249.9 million.)

Item 362 #4h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Language:

Page 442, line 19, strike:

", unless the cash balance in the reserve at the end of the prior fiscal" and insert "."

Page 442, strike line 20.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes language proposed in the introduced budget that would preclude a transfer of interest earnings from the Natural Resources Commitment Fund to the Water Quality Improvement Fund reserve if the total balance of the reserve is greater than \$70 million.)

Item 362 #5h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Conservation and Recreation

\$2,000,000

\$0 GF

Language:

Page 440, line 32, strike "\$434,875,166" and insert "\$436,875,166".

Page 444, after line 42, insert:

"W. Out of the appropriation in this item, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program administered by the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP). VCAP is an urban cost share program administered by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to provide financial incentives and technical and educational assistance to property owners installing eligible best management practices.)

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Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

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Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$1,497,500	\$0	GF
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Language:

Page 444, line 43, strike "\$107,506,363" and insert "\$109,003,863".

Page 446, after line 23, insert:

"K. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,497,500 the first year from the general fund is provided to the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District for engineering and construction costs related to the Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation Project."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million the first year from the general fund to complete engineering and support construction of the Lake Barcroft Dam Flood Mitigation Project in Fairfax County. The Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth.)

Item 366 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$650,000	\$650,000	GF
	5.00	5.00	FTE

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$61,046,062".

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,397,686" and insert "\$61,047,686".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$650,000 from the general fund each year and five positions to support the additional workload of PFAS Action Plan Development and permit administration.)

Item 366 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$200,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$60,596,062".

Page 448, after line 45, insert:

"M. The Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) shall study the threats and challenges to the groundwater supply in western Loudoun and Fauquier Counties. In conducting such study, the Department shall (i) provide historical and current data and trends relating to

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groundwater levels and groundwater quality; (ii) include future projections for groundwater levels and groundwater quality; (iii) evaluate potential future impacts to the groundwater supply as a result of increasing groundwater withdrawals; (iv) evaluate whether a groundwater management area should be established for the region pursuant to Chapter 25 (§ 62.1-254 et seq.) of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia; and (v) recommend any statutory or regulatory restrictions to ensure that future development in the region does not endanger the health and safety of the region's residents nor the water needs of existing commercial enterprises. Technical assistance shall be provided to the Department by the State Water Control Board. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department for this study, upon request. The Department shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2026, and shall submit to the Chairs of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources a report of its findings and recommendations no later than December 31, 2026. Out of the amounts in this item, \$200,000 the first year is provided to support the activities required by this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund to support a study of challenges to the groundwater supply in western Loudoun and Fauquier Counties.)

		Item 366 #3h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$300,000	\$300,000	GF

Language:

Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,396,062" and insert "\$60,696,062".
 Page 447, line 12, strike "\$60,397,686" and insert "\$60,697,686".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$300,000 each year from the general fund to support Hazardous Substances Storage Tank program activities.)

		Item 367 #1h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$200,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 448, line 46, strike "\$31,589,292" and insert "\$31,789,292".

Explanation:

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(This amendment provides \$200,000 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 1011, which expands an existing litter tax study to include the diversion of compost and other organic waste materials from landfills.)

			Item 367 #2h
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$250,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 448, line 46, strike "\$31,589,292" and insert "\$31,839,292".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 the first year from the general fund pursuant to House Bill 1502.)

			Item 368 #1h
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$50,000,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$308,956,273".

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$50,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to pay a portion of the costs of its combined sewer overflow control project. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended at year-end shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50 million the first year from the general fund to the City of Richmond for its combined sewer overflow (CSO) control project.)

			Item 368 #3h
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Environmental Quality	\$500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$259,456,273".

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Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. The Department shall conduct a statewide PFAS disposal analysis, including consideration and estimates, as appropriate, of available landfill capacity, future landfill or monofill capacity, incineration or other available and innovate PFAS destruction technology, environmental impacts of alternatives, costs estimated at the state, locality or utility, and household levels, and loss of biosolids land applications benefits to farmers. The Department shall engage the services of a qualified consulting engineering firm with significant experience in disposal alternatives and shall oversee the analysis with the assistance of the PFAS Advisory Committee. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct an analysis of PFAS disposal alternatives.)

	Item 368 #4h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Environmental Quality	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$259,956,273".

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the County of Prince William to assist with the connection of Bristow Manor to the Prince William County wastewater collection system."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.0 million from the general fund the first year to support the connection of Bristow Manor to the Prince William County wastewater collection system.)

	Item 368 #5h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Environmental Quality	\$188,870,745	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 449, line 47, strike "\$258,956,273" and insert "\$447,827,018".

Page 451, after line 39, insert:

"M. From amounts in this item, \$188,870,745 the first year from the general fund is provided for deposit into the Water Quality Improvement Fund for matching grants for eligible

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wastewater projects for Chesapeake Bay nutrient reductions under §§ 10.1-1186.01.F., 10.1-2131.C., and 62.1-44.19:14.G.1., Code of Virginia."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$188.9 million the first year from the general fund for deposit in the Water Quality Improvement Fund to provide matching grants for eligible wastewater treatment plant improvement projects.)

Item 368 #6h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 451, line 13, strike "taxable" and insert "tax exempt".

Explanation:

(This amendment makes a technical correction to language included in House Bill 30 as introduced which delineates additional application acceptance requirements for WQIF eligible grants administered by the Department of Environmental Quality.)

Item 369 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Environmental Quality

Language

Language:

Page 452, after line 3, insert:

"C. All agencies or authorities of the Commonwealth with responsibilities identified in § 10.1-1330 of the Code of Virginia, shall take all actions necessary to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, as defined in § 10.1-1329 of the Code of Virginia, and resume participation therein. Such required actions include (i) repealing or otherwise nullifying the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs, published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on July 31, 2023, no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act; (ii) reissuing or otherwise reinstating the final regulation titled 9VAC5-140, Regulation for Emissions Trading Programs, published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on August 3, 2020, including any amendments necessary to account for the time such regulation was not in effect, no later than 90 days from the effective date of this act; (iii) no later than January 1, 2027, updating, amending, or revising the regulation to align with the latest Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative program review and revised model rule; (iv) entering into a contractual agreement with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. to rejoin the program,

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which the Director shall sign, and selling the allowances generated by the reissued regulatory program through auctions run by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.; (v) transferring auction proceeds, and any interest thereon, in accordance with subsection B of § 10.1-1330 of Code of Virginia with the responsible agencies disbursing such funds as expeditiously as possible; and (vi) providing annual reporting in accordance with subsection C of § 10.1-1330 of Code of Virginia. Any regulatory actions necessary to effectuate the requirements of this item are hereby exempted from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). The Department of Environmental Quality shall complete such regulatory actions without further action by the State Air Pollution Control Board."

Explanation:

(This amendment requires all agencies take actions necessary for the Commonwealth to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.)

	Item 373 #1h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Wildlife Resources	\$795,797	\$0 NGF

Language:

Page 453, line 32, strike "\$0" and insert "\$795,797".

Page 453, line 33, strike "\$19,898,252" and insert "\$20,694,049".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer from the Game Protection Fund by \$796,000 in fiscal year 2027 to reflect the costs to the Department of Wildlife Resources of providing a two percent compensation increase as proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced. A companion amendment to Part 3 of House Bill 30 makes a corresponding adjustment to the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund.)

	Item 374 #1h	
Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,968,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Virginia Beach to support the renovations and preservation of the historic Nimmo United Methodist Church."

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Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support renovations and preservation of the historic Nimmo United Methodist Church, a 200-plus year old church used by Union troops as a hospital in their fight against the South.)

Item 374 #2h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$250,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,718,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$250,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Loudoun to support the construction of the Ethical Leadership Development Center at General George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$250,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support construction of a leadership center at General George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor.)

Item 374 #3h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$295,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,763,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$295,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Giles to support repairs and improvements at the historic Andrew Johnston House."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$295,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support repairs at the historic Andrew Johnston House in Giles County.)

Item 374 #5h

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Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$107,800	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,576,742".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$107,800 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Tazewell to support repairs and improvements at the historic Pocahontas Fuel building."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$107,800 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support repairs of the Pocahontas Fuel building in Tazewell County.)

Item 374 #6h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	(\$160,000)	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,308,942".

Page 456, strike lines 35 through 37.

Explanation:

(This amendment removes \$160,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 included in the introduced budget for a walkway project in Southampton County.)

Item 374 #8h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$160,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,628,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$160,000 the first year from the general fund for the County of Arlington to support the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$160,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support the

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September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance.)

Item 374 #10h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$50,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,518,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$50,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the City of Richmond to support preservation of the historic Moore Street School."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$50,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support preservation of historic Moore Street School in Richmond.)

Item 374 #11h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$1,500,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$16,968,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$1,500,000 the first year general fund is provided to the County of Arlington to support the construction of a visitor education center at the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$1.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to Arlington County to support construction of a visitor education center at the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.)

Item 374 #12h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28
Department of Historic Resources	\$2,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$17,468,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$2,000,000 the first year from the general fund shall be deposited in the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund, as established in § 10.1-2202.5, Code of Virginia. Such funds and funding authorized in paragraph M, Item 386, Chapter 1, 2024 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, may be used for the preservation of historic sites. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 10.1-2202.5 Paragraph F, Code of Virginia, grants from the Fund may be awarded to eligible recipients provided that the grantee provides a perpetual public benefit to be determined by the Director. The Department is authorized to expend up to five percent of the amounts allocated in this Paragraph for costs related to the administration of the Fund."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support the BIPOC Historic Preservation Grant Program.)

Item 374 #13h

Natural and Historic Resources

Department of Historic Resources

Language

Language:

Page 454, line 47, after "Virginia." insert:

"The Department is authorized to expend up to five percent of the amounts allocated in this paragraph for costs related to the administration of the Fund."

Page 455, line 3, after "cemeteries." insert:

"The Department is authorized to expend up to five percent of the amounts allocated in this Paragraph for costs related to administration of the program."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Department of Historical Resources to use up to five percent of the amounts provided for the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund and for care of historical African American graves and cemeteries for the costs of administering the programs.)

Item 374 #14h

Natural and Historic Resources

FY26-27

FY27-28

Department of Historic Resources

\$500,000

\$0 GF

Language:

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Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$15,968,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Fairfax to support the installation of temporary heating and cooling equipment at the historic Fairfax Courthouse building."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 for the installation of temporary HVAC equipment at the historic Fairfax Courthouse.)

Item 374 #15h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Department of Historic Resources	\$2,500,000	\$0	GF

Language:

Page 454, line 3, strike "\$15,468,942" and insert "\$17,968,942".

Page 456, after line 37, insert:

"P. Out of the amounts in this item, \$2,500,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to the County of Botetourt to support project costs related to Fincastle Museum."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$2.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2027 to support Botetourt County's Fincastle Museum project.)

Item 376 #1h

Natural and Historic Resources	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Marine Resources Commission	\$109,448	\$109,448	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language:

Page 457, line 6, strike "\$28,018,943" and insert "\$28,128,391".

Page 457, line 6, strike "\$28,018,943" and insert "\$28,128,391".

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$109,000 from the general fund each year and one position pursuant to House Bill 52, which directs the Marine Resources Commission to promote the beneficial uses of dredged material.)

Natural and Historic Resources

Marine Resources Commission

Language

Language:

Page 458, after line 25, insert:

"I.1. For purposes of this Item 376, Section I, "Phase I" means the following drawings: (i) "Norfolk CSRM State-Owned Bottom and Right-of-Way Map," Map Number – 68 Phase IA, dated October 8, 2025, prepared by TKY; (ii) Drawing entitled "Grandy Village Living Shoreline Preliminary Bottom Impacts WSSI #36556.01," Exhibit 1, prepared by Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., a Davey Company; (iii) Drawing entitled "Richmond and Surrey Crescent Shoreline State Bottom Impacts"; (iv) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-WS-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (v) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-WS-2," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (vi) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-PS-HP1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (vii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-FD-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA)DDwithExcludedPermitAreaTable, dated August 28, 2025, revised January 22, 2026, developed by JAO; (viii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-HP," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA)DDwithExcludedPermitAreaTable, dated August 28, 2025, revised January 27, 2026, developed by JAO; (ix) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-RR-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (x) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-PS-NC-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (xi) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-Sub-1," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; (xii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase 1A-Sub-2," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO; and (xiii) "Wetlands Impact Analysis Phase No Impact," Map: Wetlands Impact Analysis (JPA), dated August 28, 2025, revised January 15, 2026, developed by JAO.

2. That, in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties and the payment of \$1, and on terms otherwise acceptable to the Marine Resources Commission (the Commission), the Commission is hereby authorized to convey to the City of Norfolk, in locations acceptable to the Commission, the following real property interests in subaqueous land that are necessary for Phase I, as generally shown on the Phase I drawings: permanent easement interests; temporary construction easements; and fee simple interests, pursuant to quitclaims.

3. That, in consideration of the mutual promises of the parties and the payment of \$1, and on terms otherwise acceptable to the Commission, the Commission is hereby authorized to quitclaim to the City any interest that the Commonwealth may have in and to the property known as Newton Canal, a/k/a Mahone's Canal, a/k/a Brambleton Canal, which property is

located within the boundaries of City of Norfolk GPIN 1437339770.

4. That the conveyances authorized herein shall be made in consultation with the Chief Resilience Officer of the Commonwealth and the Office of the Attorney General. The conveyances authorized herein shall be approved by the Governor and made in a form approved by the Office of the Attorney General. The appropriate officials of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to prepare, execute, and deliver such deeds and other documents as may be necessary to accomplish the conveyances.

5. The General Assembly deems that the conveyances of the property interests, set forth in this Item 376, Section I, may be undertaken without substantial impairment of the interest of the public in the waters of the Commonwealth."

Explanation:

(This amendment authorizes the Marine Resources Commission to convey certain easements to the City of Norfolk to support Coastal Storm Risk Management project-related activities.)

Item 420 #1h

Transportation

Secretary of Transportation

Language

Language:

Page 501, after line 46, insert:

"M. The Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Department of Energy, shall identify any available federal funds eligible to assist in the development of rural electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the Commonwealth. If such federal funds are available, the appropriate agency shall submit an application for Virginia to receive funding and any such application shall reflect a priority for installing public electric vehicle infrastructure in rural and localities without such infrastructure. If such federal funds are received via a formula grant, the appropriate Secretary shall ensure a priority is placed on installing public electric vehicle infrastructure in rural and localities without such infrastructure. The Secretary shall notify the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on or before December 31, 2026, on: (i) funding received as a result of this paragraph; (ii) the rural and underserved areas without public charging infrastructure; and (iii) total state funding needed to install sufficient public charging infrastructure in rural and underserved communities."

Explanation:

(This amendment directs the Secretary of Transportation to identify federal funds to support the deployment of rural electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the state of Virginia.)

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Item 471 #1h

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$11,125,212	GF

Language:

Page 544, line 4, strike "\$1,300,000" and insert "\$12,425,212".

Page 546, after line 18, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$11,125,212 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 5 of the 2026 General Assembly. Out of the general funds provided in this paragraph, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$11,039,874 the second year to the Department of Medical Assistance Services; and, \$85,338 the second year to the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services. The budget for the Department of Medical Assistance Service shall reflect a nongeneral fund increase of \$12,378,574."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$11.1 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2028 for the Department of Medical Assistance Services and Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services to support costs of providing paid sick leave for personal care attendants. Companion amendments to the Department of Labor and Industry provide funding for systems development and personnel.)

Item 471 #2h

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Central Appropriations	\$546,761	\$14,023,789	GF

Language:

Page 544, line 4, strike "\$1,300,000" and insert "\$1,846,761".

Page 544, line 4, strike "\$1,300,000" and insert "\$15,323,789".

Page 546, after line 18, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$546,761 the first year and \$14,023,789 the second year from the general fund is provided to effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1 of the 2026 General Assembly. Out of the funds provided in this paragraph, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$11,239,831 the second year to the Department of Medical Assistance Services; and \$210,442 the second year to the Compensation Board for distribution to constitutional officers. The amounts remaining in this paragraph shall be used by the Department of Planning and Budget to fund agency costs for increasing the wage levels of state employees to those established in House Bill 1 of the 2026 General Assembly. The budget for the Department of Medical Assistance Service shall reflect a nongeneral fund increase of

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\$12,509,813."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$14.6 million from the general fund over the biennium to address the costs of House Bill 1 of the 2026 General Assembly, raising the minimum wage. Additional resources are needed for the Department of Medical Assistance Services, Constitutional Officers, and State Employees.)

Item 471 #4h

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28
Central Appropriations	\$1,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 544, line 3, strike "\$1,300,000" and insert "\$2,300,000".

Page 546, after line 18, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation, \$1,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided for the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank established pursuant to House Bill 1444 of the 2026 General Assembly. On or before July 31, 2026, the the Virginia Department of Energy in collaboration with the State Comptroller shall transfer any unobligated amounts from the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank Fund (09078) at the Department of Energy (409) to the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank established by House Bill 1444 of the 2026 General Assembly. The Governor shall award eighty percent of revenues received from the Renewable Energy Certificates sold in the First Quarter of 2026 to the Clean Energy Innovation Bank established by House Bill 1444 of the 2026 General Assembly Session."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$8.4 million for the Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank through a transfer of the remaining balances in the current Virginia Clean Energy Innovation Bank managed by the Virginia Department of Energy (\$2.7 million), the current sale of Renewable Energy Certificates (\$4.7 million), and general fund cash (\$1.0 million).)

Item 471 #5h

Central Appropriations	FY26-27	FY27-28
Central Appropriations	\$20,000,000	\$0 GF

Language:

Page 544, line 4, strike "\$1,300,000" and insert "\$21,300,000".

Page 546, after line 18, insert:

"K. Out of this appropriation \$20,000,000 the first year from the general fund is provided to

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effectuate the provisions of House Bill 1263 of the 2026 General Assembly. Out of the amounts provided in this paragraph, the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall transfer \$5,500,000 to the Department of Medical Assistance Services; \$1,600,000 to the Department of Human Resources Management; and \$7,000,000 to the Department of Labor and Industry. The remaining amounts shall be distributed by the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to address any additional start-up costs related to collective bargaining. Any balances for the purposes specified in this paragraph which are unexpended on June 30, 2027 and June 30, 2028 shall not revert to the general fund but shall be carried forward and reappropriated."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides \$20.0 million in fiscal year 2027 to start-up collective bargaining for state employees and home health care workers. House Bill 1263 of the 2026 General Assembly establishes the Virginia Home Care Authority and the Public Employee Relations Board to allow groups of state employees and home health care workers engage in collective bargaining.)

	Item 493.10 #1h		
Independent Agencies	FY26-27	FY27-28	
Virginia Gaming Commission	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000	NGF
	37.00	37.00	FTE

Language:

Page 558, after line 51, insert:

"493.10 Virginia Gaming Commission	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000
Fund Sources: Special	\$10,000,000	\$5,000,000 "

"A.1. Pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 271 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly, there is hereby created the Virginia Gaming Commission. No later than June 30, 2027, the appropriations and positions of the agencies listed in the portions of House Bill 271 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly which establish the Virginia Gaming Commission shall be transferred from the agencies listed to the Virginia Gaming Commission.

2. The Director, Department of Planning and Budget, shall include implementation of the actions set forth in this item in the Budget Bill submitted to the 2027 Session of the General Assembly.

B. To effectuate the provisions of House Bill 271 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission, there is hereby appropriated a sum sufficient amount of nongeneral fund revenues estimated at \$10,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year equal to the gaming revenues enumerated in the provisions of House Bill 271 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission.

C. Notwithstanding the provision of § 4-3.02 of this act, the State Comptroller may authorize an

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interest-free treasury loan for the Virginia Gaming Commission to fund costs associated with the implementation of the provisions establishing the Virginia Gaming Commission within House Bill 271 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. The amount of the treasury loan may include costs as estimated to be incurred by the Commission for the administration, regulation, enforcement, and oversight of gaming as specified in House Bill 271 of the 2026 Session of the General Assembly. The Secretary of Finance may extend the repayment plant for any such interest-free treasury loan for a period of longer than twelve months as needed to support Commission costs associated with the administration and regulation of gaming. Intended repayment of the treasury loan is with anticipated Commission revenues."

Explanation:

(This amendment provides sum sufficient appropriation and 37 positions to establish the Virginia Gaming Commission pursuant to certain provisions of House Bill 271. The amendment authorizes the transfer of appropriations and positions of agencies identified in the relevant portions of House Bill 271 to the Virginia Gaming Commission, and directs the Department of Planning and Budget to include the implementation of such actions in the Budget Bill submitted to the 2027 Session of the General Assembly. This amendment further authorizes the provision of an interest-free treasury loan to support the establishment of the Virginia Gaming Commission.)

Item 3-1.01 #1h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 589, line 49, strike "\$31,000,000" and "\$31,000,000" and insert: "\$36,000,000" and "\$36,000,000".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the estimated transfer to the general fund from the State Racing Operations Fund by \$5.0 million each year.)

Item 3-1.01 #3h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 590, after line 12, insert:

"LL. On or before July 15 the first year, the State Comptroller shall transfer \$79,967,308 to the

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general fund from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund (Fund 09124)."

Explanation:

(This amendment transfers an estimated \$80.0 million to the general fund from the Virginia Business Ready Sites Acquisition Fund.)

Item 3-1.01 #11h

Transfers

Interfund Transfers

Language

Language:

Page 588, line 15, strike "\$12,598,252" and insert "\$13,394,049".

Explanation:

(This amendment increases the transfer from the general fund to the Game Protection Fund by \$796,000 in fiscal year 2027 to reflect the costs to the Department of Wildlife Resources of providing a two percent compensation increase as proposed in House Bill 30 as introduced. A companion amendment to Item 373 makes a corresponding adjustment to the transfer from the Game Protection Fund to DWR.)
