

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB139

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Delores L. McQuinn

3. Committee: Rules

4. Title: Commission to Study Slavery and Subsequent De Jure and De Facto Racial and Economic Discrimination Against African Americans; expiration.

5. Summary: Extends from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2024, the expiration of the Commission to Study Slavery and Subsequent De Jure and De Facto Racial and Economic Discrimination Against African Americans. The bill also provides for the nonlegislative citizen members of the Commission to continue to serve for the duration of the extension.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See Item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Commission to Study Slavery and Subsequent De Jure and De Facto Racial and Economic Discrimination Against African Americans is currently funded in Item 30 of HB30 at \$94,164 per year for expenses related to commission meetings and staffing.

The Library of Virginia provides support to the Commission and estimates the Commission will need to retain one full-time project manager at an estimated cost of \$95,000 per year, as well as academic and public policy experts in the fields highlighted in the legislation authorizing the Commission. The Library of Virginia estimates they will need the services of approximately 10 experts a year, each spending an average of 70 hours on the work at an estimated hourly rate of \$30/hour, to a total cost of approximately \$21,000 each year. The Commission will also need to obtain public input, holding four public forums each year across the state. The costs associated with these forums would involve staff travel, lodging, facility rentals, technology support, and transcription services, and would total approximately \$6,000 per forum, or \$24,000 per year.

The Commission anticipates holding approximately 4 meetings per year, which is typical for a commission of this nature. The House estimates compensation for two members to be \$2,400 per year, and the Senate estimates compensation for one member to be \$1,200 per year. These amounts are already in the House's and Senate's budgets for the current biennium and no additional funding is necessary at this time. The travel costs for the 11 members (three legislative and eight nonlegislative) is approximately \$14,344 per year and would be paid by the Commission.

The Library of Virginia estimates the cost to complete the work of the Commission, including the program manager, other expert consultants, four public forums, and four public meetings, will be approximately \$154,344 per year. With the current budget of \$94,164 per year, the Commission will need an additional \$60,180 per year.

Due to the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission was not able to hold its first meeting until June 2021, and begin work until October 2021. Because of these factors, \$141,521 was left unexpended in the Commission's FY 2021 budget and these funds were carried forward in to the subsequent fiscal year pursuant to section 4-1.05 1.b of Chapter 552, 2021 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. These reappropriated funds may be enough to absorb the additional \$60,180 each year, or \$120,360 over the biennium.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Commission to Study Slavery and Subsequent De Jure and De Facto Racial and Economic Discrimination; the Library of Virginia; the House of Delegates; the Senate of Virginia.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: Identical to SB 151.

Date: 1/18/2022