

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Rob Richard

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. The attached draft is modeled after the Virginia statute provided as drafting instructions.

I note that DOT's engineering work is conducted in-house and through consultants. The attached draft affects only the engineering work conducted by DOT. Under current law, DOT may engage third-party engineering services (consultants) as it deems advisable. Any engagement of engineering consultants involving an expenditure of \$3,000 or more must be by formal contract approved by the governor. DOT must conduct a uniform cost-benefit analysis of each proposed engagement of engineering consultants that involves an estimated expenditure of more than \$25,000. DOT must review periodically, and before any renewal, the continued appropriateness of any engineering consultant engagement. Accordingly, because DOT is already reviewing the work of the engineering consultants, I have not required these consultants to also employ value engineering, within these private firms, for DOT work. Please advise if you want the bill redrafted to require value engineering of these engineering consultants.

I have included a short delayed effective date. Is this okay?

I have not included any funding provision for the expense to DOT related to the requirements under this bill. In DOT's fiscal estimate, I would expect DOT to opine whether any savings from value engineering could be used to offset the costs of employing value engineering.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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