

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

approve certain local land use applications. The Board is required to meet as needed in response to appeals. The bill tasks DHCD with staffing the Board. In establishing the Board, the DHCD Director is required to set criteria and regulations to ensure that localities meet growth targets as required in the bill.

DHCD anticipates an unabsorbable impact as a result of this bill, pertaining to staffing the Board and to carrying out the tracking and reporting work with localities. In addition, there is an indeterminate cost component tied to the Board's task of meeting as needed to address an unknown number of appeals that may take place once new processes are established. The anticipated cost of hiring a Program Administrator within the agency's Policy Office for up to \$144,000 annually, including benefits and administrative costs. The Program Administrator will be in charge of communicating with every locality, and with assessing their housing target activities or allowable extensions. The number of localities that do not achieve the goals set in the bill is unknown. Each of such localities will require additional administrative activities.

DHCD cannot with certainty estimate the number of Board meetings that will take place, given that they are required upon the initiation of an appeal. The agency estimates that \$5,000 will be sufficient to cover the costs of one meeting per year, but the amount may increase if more than one appeal is made in a given year. The cost of one annual meeting is included in this impact statement.

Other: None.