

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB119 **Patron:** Keys-Gamarra
Bill Title: Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; stakeholder group to evaluate temperature regulation.

Bill Summary: Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to convene a stakeholder advisory group to evaluate changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code addressing temperature regulation. The stakeholder group shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Board and to the Chairs of the House Committee on General Laws and the Senate Committee on General Laws and Technology no later than November 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Departments of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and localities. No budget amendment is required. However, cumulative workload from this and similar bills may exceed existing agency capacity at DHCD.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that, as a stand-alone bill, associated costs can be absorbed. See Fiscal Analysis.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
DHCD		\$11,276				
TOTAL		\$11,276				

Fiscal Analysis: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on DHCD resulting from this bill, considered in isolation, can be absorbed within existing resources. However, if multiple bills requiring the facilitation of building code workgroups or stakeholder advisory processes are enacted during the same period, the cumulative workload may exceed the agency's current capacity and could result in additional resource needs.

Based on experience with comparable stakeholder and regulatory activities, DHCD estimates that the work associated with this bill costs approximately \$11,276. These costs are expected to be absorbable within the agency's existing general fund appropriation for the Regulation of Structure Safety program. Any funding provided in connection with group facilitation related to building code can be allocated to Item 105 of HB30/SB30, as introduced.

Other: None.