

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB314

Patron: Wachsmann

Bill Title: Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; homeowners who live off grid.

Bill Summary: Directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to amend the Uniform Statewide Building Code to exempt any homeowner who lives off the electrical grid from complying with provisions of the Building Code regarding electrical systems, so long as his home is otherwise habitable pursuant to Building Code regulations.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Courts, and localities; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any state fiscal impact that may result from this bill to DHCD can be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal impact that may result from this bill to the Courts is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: It is anticipated that the Department of Housing and Community Development can absorb any costs that may result from this bill as part of its normal workload with regard to administration of the statewide building code.

The bill changes the parameters at which an action is considered a violation of the Code, as well as the amount of certain civil penalties. The impact of this bill on the potential number of violations is indeterminate.

Other: None.