

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: SB666

Patron: Srinivasan

Bill Title: Department of Housing and Community Development; housing development database.

Bill Summary: Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to collect from each locality and make available to the public, localities, state agencies, and other state and regional public entities in a centralized, machine-readable, screen reader compatible database various data for each new and existing housing development in each locality in the Commonwealth, including data related to the number of housing development plans submitted and approved by the locality and the average approval timeline for housing development plans.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes

Items Impacted: 102 (DHCD)

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development and localities; a general fund budget amendment is required to implement the provisions of the bill.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will have a general fund expenditure impact on the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). DHCD indicates that an additional general fund appropriation of \$261,000 annually and three positions under Item 102, HB30/SB30, is required to implement this bill.

General Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DHCD (165)		\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000
TOTAL	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000	\$261,000

Position Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DHCD (165)		2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL	2	2	2	2	2	2

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. The bill requires DHCD to collect housing development data from each locality and publish the data in a centralized, publicly accessible, machine-readable, and screen-reader-compatible database. The database must include information on housing development plans, unit counts by affordability level, long-term use restrictions, unit size, and approval timelines for both new and existing housing developments and must be updated annually for each locality.

DHCD anticipates that implementation of the bill will require ongoing annual expenditures of approximately \$261,000, in order to support two additional positions and recurring non-personal service costs. The

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Department reports that existing programmatic and information technology staff are fully assigned to current housing programs, federal reporting obligations, regulatory duties, and other ongoing responsibilities. To carry out the bill's requirements, DHCD identifies the need for one Policy Analyst, with an estimated annual cost of \$118,000, to administer expanded data collection from all localities, coordinate with local governments, provide technical assistance, and validate and standardize submitted data; and one Information and Technology Specialist, also with an estimated annual cost of \$118,000, to develop, publish, and maintain a centralized, machine-readable, and screen reader compatible database. In addition to personnel costs, DHCD estimates \$25,000 annually will be required for the procurement of external datasets to supplement or replace missing, incomplete, or inconsistent local data.

Other: None.