

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB5PER

Patron: Locke

Bill Title: Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force; established, report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Income-Qualified Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Task Force within the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in collaboration with the Department of Energy (Energy) and with assistance from the Department of Social Services (DSS). The Task Force is charged with identifying barriers to access and coordination in existing energy efficiency and weatherization programs for income-qualified households, evaluating needs across housing types, and developing recommendations and a long-term plan to provide weatherization-ready repairs and whole-home energy efficiency retrofits statewide. The Task Force must meet at least six times between July 1, 2026, and September 30, 2027, and submit a detailed public report with findings, recommendations, data analyses, and an implementation plan by September 30, 2027, with a planning horizon extending to December 31, 2034.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: This bill involves the Departments of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Energy, and Social Services, as well as the Office of the Attorney General and the State Corporation Commission. 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:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
DHCD		\$25,000				
TOTAL		\$25,000				

Fiscal Analysis: DHCD indicates that the requirements of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. However, the agency notes that the cumulative impact of this bill and other legislation establishing stakeholder work groups or task forces may result in costs that are not fully absorbable. The bill requires a minimum of six meetings with 18 participants, at an estimated total cost of \$25,000 in FY 2027. This estimate assumes some meetings may be held in person and may involve costs for supplies, travel, and reimbursement for meals. Existing agency staff would provide administrative support. Any funding provided to support the activities required under this bill should be allocated to Item 102 of HB30/SB30, as introduced.

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It is anticipated that any costs incurred by the Department of Energy, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the Attorney General, and the State Corporation Commission can be absorbed within existing resources.

Amendments to SB30 adopted by the Senate include an additional \$25,000 the first year from the general fund to support the provisions of this bill.

Other: None.