

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1092

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Oates

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Board of Housing and Community Development; Uniform Statewide Building Code; local building official.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to amend the Uniform Statewide Building Code and corresponding regulations to remove any authority for local building departments to appoint local building officials for permanent terms. The bill requires the Board to require local building departments to appoint such officials for a term not to exceed 10 years and to only reappoint such officials after holding a performance evaluation.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as a result of this bill in isolation can be absorbed within existing resources. However, three bills involving the facilitation of a variety of building code workgroups and stakeholder meetings are currently in consideration. Cumulatively, the impact of these tasks may not be absorbable to the agency. Based on experience with similar work, DHCD has estimated the cost of work resulting from this bill at \$10,500, which can be absorbed with within existing general fund appropriation in the agency's Regulation of Structure Safety program. With the exception of fiscal year 2023, DHCD has historically had negligible unspent general fund balances in this program.

SB195/HB368, HB1270, and HB1092 have similar estimated costs, for a cumulative estimated total of \$31,500 in fiscal year 2025. Any funding provided in relation to stakeholder group facilitation can be allocated to Item 105 in HB30/SB30 as introduced.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development; localities.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. Other Comments: None.