

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1363

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

2. **Patron:** O'Quinn

3. **Committee:** Rules

4. **Title:** Department of Energy; work group on critical infrastructure sectors; report.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Director of the Department of Energy to convene a work group to evaluate the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors' usage of fuel for energy and feedstock and impact on jobs, capital investments, and state and local revenue. The bill requires the work group to also assess (i) the impact of the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure sectors on natural gas service or retail natural gas supply choice as provided in relevant law and individually metered propane service or non-utility gas service in accordance with relevant law and (ii) the impact of any public entity enacting an ordinance, building code, contractual provision, fee, permit, or other requirement that limits, prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting, or prevents critical infrastructure sectors within their boundaries from acquiring fuel. The bill requires the work group to complete its evaluation and submit its findings and any recommendations to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce and Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor by November 1, 2024.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that the Department of Energy will be able to absorb any fiscal impact as a result of this bill within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Energy

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None