

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-5302

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BATHROOMS FOR  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 19 \$</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 19 \$</b>	<b>FY 20 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill, which modifies the requirements for bathrooms under the State Building Code, has the potential to increase costs to the state and municipalities. The cost will vary based on: 1) the number of grab bars that must be installed for new construction and rehabilitation projects, and 2) the cost of installing the bars. The timing of the impact is also dependent on the method of financing the construction (e.g., the timing for projects using bond funds will be different than projects financed using operating funds).

Many of the state's construction projects are paid for using General Obligation (GO) bonds. The bill does not change GO bond authorizations. To the extent that the requirements of the bill increase costs of state construction projects, and to the degree that the amendment causes authorized GO bond funds to be expended more

rapidly than they otherwise would have been, future General Fund debt service costs may be incurred sooner.

Additionally, there is a similar cost to municipalities to the extent that the bill's provisions increase the cost of construction and rehabilitation projects in municipalities.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.