

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SB-859

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 8246), Senate "B" (LCO 9076)

Senate Calendar No.: 359

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	19,531	23,641
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	7,303	9,738
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	40,000	1,500

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a certification program for Community Health Workers (CHW) by 1/1/20, is anticipated to result in a State cost of approximately \$26,834 in FY 20 and approximately \$33,379 in FY 21. With the \$100 initial application fee, General Fund revenue of approximately \$40,000 in FY 20 and approximately \$1,500 in FY 21 is anticipated from certifying an estimated 400 individuals in the first fiscal year and approximately 15 more in each fiscal year thereafter.

Costs to DPH of \$19,531 in FY 20 and \$23,641 in FY 21 reflect the need for a part-time Office Assistant in both fiscal years<sup>2</sup> and associated equipment (\$1,800 in FY 20 only for a computer, software,

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

<sup>2</sup>Approximately \$17,731 is required for nine months' salary in FY 20. This cost is annualized in FY 21 (\$23,641).

and a scanner). The fringe benefit cost to the Office of the State Comptroller to support this position is approximately \$7,303 in FY 20 and \$9,738 in FY 21.

Senate "A" made a technical change to the underlying bill, which was not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities. It made Section 2 of the underlying bill effective 1/1/20, instead of 1/1/19. Section 2 required triennial certification renewal of CHWs. As 1/1/20 was the date that the CHW certification category was required to be established by DPH in the underlying bill, there was no fiscal impact anticipated from "starting the clock" for certification renewals on 1/1/20, instead of 1/1/19.

Senate "B" struck the language of the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact, replacing it with the language discussed above.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to the number of CHW certifications issued by DPH and cost inflation.

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