

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-6653

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY HOMES.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	250,000	500,000

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill establishes a pilot program to be administered by the Department of Housing (DOH), and results in an annual cost of \$500,000 beginning January 1, 2022 to the Healthy Homes Fund (HHF).<sup>1</sup> The program is anticipated to cost approximately \$250,000 in FY 22 for the partial year. During the nine-year pilot program (the program is scheduled to end on December 31, 2031), DOH must provide energy efficiency retrofits and residential improvements that reduce health and safety hazards for at least 500 residential units per year and spend \$500,000 per year doing so. The bill authorizes DOH to include related administrative expenses in that amount; such costs are anticipated to total \$90,000 per year for salary and fringe benefits for part time staff. There is no cost for DOH to provide the annual report required under the bill.

It is unclear to what extent DOH can provide the retrofits and improvements to 500 homes with approximately \$410,000 in available

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<sup>1</sup> The Healthy Homes Fund is a non-lapsing, General Fund account funded through a \$12 surcharge on certain homeowners' insurance policies.

funding, as the average cost may exceed \$820 per home.<sup>2</sup>

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

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future until FY 31, with administrative expenses continuing subject to changes in state employee wages and fringe benefits. FY 32 would reflect a half year's costs.

*Sources: Department of Housing*

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<sup>2</sup> As a reference, the Healthy Homes Initiative, another DOH program that funds some similar residential improvements, permits costs of \$5,000 per unit.