

OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Office Building, Room 5200
Hartford, CT 06106 ◊ (860) 240-0200
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa>

sHB-5428

AN ACT CONCERNING BUILDING OFFICIALS, RESOURCES
RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUILDING
CODE AND THE PROMOTION OF CAREERS IN RELATED FIELDS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Admin. Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	220,000	220,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	90,000	90,000
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	154,000	54,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	22,000	22,000
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	Regional Performance Incentive Account - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a pilot program for regional building inspection services, administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). It also creates three reporting requirements related to building inspection and the State Building Code.

It is anticipated that the Office of Policy and Management would need to hire a part-time planning specialist and a consultant to

¹The 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 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

administer the pilot program. This results in costs of \$76,000 annually for the planning specialist (\$54,000 for salary and \$22,000 for fringe benefits) and \$100,000 for the consultant. It is anticipated that the consultant would be a one-time cost.

The bill also results in a cost to the Regional Planning Incentive Account of up to \$750,000 in FY 23 and FY 23 to provide grants of up to \$250,000 to each of the three participants OPM must select for the pilot program. This results in a corresponding reduction in funding available for the Regional Performance Incentive Program in each fiscal year.

The bill also establishes three new requirements of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). These requirements include 1) convening a working group related to digitizing and storing State Building Code records; 2) a study regarding reciprocal licensure of building officials; and 3) a study regarding training options for students pursuing careers as building officials.

DAS will need to hire two positions to handle these provisions. The estimated salary total for these two positions is \$220,000, plus an additional \$90,000 for related fringe benefits.

The Out Years

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