

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB2429

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Suit

**3. Committee**    General Laws

**4. Title**            Common Interest Community Management Information Fund

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation to designate an ombudsman who shall administer the requirements of Common Interest Community Management Information Fund and serve as an information resource on issues relating to the governance, administration and operation of common interest communities, including the laws and regulations relating thereto. Such information may include non-binding interpretations of laws or regulations governing common interest communities and referrals to public and private agencies offering alternative dispute resolution services, with a goal of reducing and resolving conflicts among associations and their members. The compensation for the ombudsman shall be paid from the Fund; provided that no more than 60 percent of the moneys collected annually in the Fund shall be used for such purpose. This bill is a recommendation of the Housing Study Commission.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0	0.00	N/A
2001-02	\$16,601	1.00	NGF
2002-03	\$14,331	1.00	NGF

**6b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	\$0	0.00	NGF
2001-02	\$0	0.00	NGF
2002-03	\$0	0.00	NGF

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** Yes. Item 121. Additional spending authority will be needed for Fund 0900. This bill, however, results in no additional revenue.

**8. Fiscal implications:** This bill creates a new position at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) to serve as a resource to approximately 3,500 associations and their members. The Common Interest Community Management Information Fund (Fund 0259) annually collects approximately \$95,000. This bill would cap DPOR's use of these funds for

administering the program to 60 percent (\$57,000) of annual revenues. DPOR's administrative costs, which will include the cost for one new position, will be \$73,601 and \$71,331 in fiscal years 2002 and 2003, respectively. The balance of the administrative costs are estimated to be borne from fees collected on behalf of the Real Estate Board and maintained in Fund 0900.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Expenditure Impact</b>	<b>Expenses paid from Fund 0259 (60 percent)</b>	<b>Expenses paid from Fund 0900 (NGF apprn needed)</b>
2002	\$73,601	\$57,000	\$16,601
2003	\$71,331	\$57,000	\$14,331

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** The engrossed bill authorizes the Director of DPOR to designate an ombudsman while the introduced bill gave that authority to the Board of DPOR.

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