

Department of Planning and Budget
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1512

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Cox, M.

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Council on the Status of Women

5. Summary/Purpose: House Bill 1512 eliminates the Council on the Status of Women, which evolved from a House study that was started in 1970 by the Commission on the Status of Women. The Council was established in order to identify ways that women can reach their potential and make their full contribution to society and the Commonwealth as wage earners and citizens. In 1991 the Council lost its independent staff and does not currently receive funding. Additionally, the Council currently is incapable of performing its duties as membership has not been maintained. HB 1512 is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Operations, Practices, Duties, and Funding of the Commonwealth's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Other Governmental Entities pursuant to HJR 159 passed in 2002.

6. No Fiscal Impact (See comments below.)

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected : None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments:

The Council on the Status of Women has been inactive for the past three years and no funds have been budgeted to cover the cost of Council operations. Therefore, there would be no cost savings generated through the abolishment of the Council.

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