

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. The Council was established to identify ways in which women can reach their potential and make their full contributions to society and the Commonwealth as wage earners and citizens. The Council lost its independent staff in 1991 and does not currently receive funding. This bill 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 (2002). As amended, the provisions of this bill would not become effective if, prior to the convening of the 2003 Reconvened Session of the General Assembly, the Governor has appointed the 19 members of the Council and provided funds for the Council to meet and perform its duties pursuant to § 2.2-2631 of the Code of Virginia.

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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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources