

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number**    HB2529

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Almand

**3. Committee**    Senate General Laws

**4. Title**         Statewide Building Code; installation of communication equipment

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to promulgate regulations as part of the building code requiring the installation in all new building construction of emergency communication equipment for emergency service personnel to facilitate effective communication between emergency public safety personnel involved in emergency situations. The bill defines emergency communications equipment and emergency public safety personnel.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary:**    SEE ITEM 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:**    No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the state. The impact would depend on the extent that additional regulations have to be promulgated and training sessions provided to local building code officials. However, the Department of Housing and Community Development can absorb the costs as part of its normal workload with regard to administration of the statewide building code.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected :** Department of Housing and Community Development.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:**    No.

**11. Other comments:**    None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade