

Department of Planning and Budget 2003 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2790

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

2. Patron Brink

3. Committee Commerce and Labor

4. Title Blood-borne pathogen hazards in the workplace

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill requires the Safety and Health Codes Board to provide an emergency temporary standard, which must be followed by adoption of a permanent standard, that establishes protections for occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens and must include requirements for engineered sharps injury protection and needleless systems and may include other mechanisms for preventing sharps injuries and exposure-prone incidents. The bill also requires the State Health Commission to advise and provide technical aid to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and to the Safety and Health Codes Board concerning occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens and the use of engineered sharps injury protection and needleless systems. This assistance must include a list of available needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection. The Safety and Health Codes Board is required to promulgate emergency regulations to implement the bill within 280 days of its enactment.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Preliminary. See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The Safety and Health Codes Board implemented regulations in September 2001 that address the requirements of this bill. The regulations mirror the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration regulations for blood-borne pathogen hazards in the workplace. Therefore, there should be no costs to the Department of Labor and Industry as a result of this bill.

There is a requirement for the State Health Commission to provide technical assistance and a list of available needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protection may be met within the Health Department's current appropriation. There may be a minimal impact of some amount of staff time diverted from existing services.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Safety and Health Codes Board, Department of Labor and Industry, State Health Commissioner.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Othercomments:None.

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