

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB 1853

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

**2. Patron** Eisenberg

**3. Committee** General Laws

**4. Title** Standards for the installation of Internet connections

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill would require the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards for the installation of Internet connections in the construction of new multi-family housing or substantial rehabilitation of such housing that is funded with federal or state funds. The regulations could specify the type of Internet connection and the number and location of such connections in each dwelling unit. The regulations must provide waivers of the installation requirement for unreasonably expensive improvements as determined by the Board.

**6. Fiscal impact:** There would be some costs to the Department of Housing and Community Development associated with the adoption of the new regulations. However, such costs could be funded from existing resources. In addition, the new regulations could impact the costs incurred by housing projects that are subject to the new regulations. DPB cannot estimate the amount of any such costs, however.

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** See Item 6.

**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