

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1591

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 Tyler

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Department of Business Assistance; Office of Small Business Advocacy.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill creates the Office of Small Business Advocacy within the Department of Business Assistance. The bill sets out the powers and duties of the Office. The bill defines small business as an independently owned and operated business which, together with affiliates, has 250 or fewer employees, or average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years.

6. Fiscal Impact: According to the Department of Business Assistance (DBA), creating the Office of Small Business Advocacy would require the hiring of two full-time employees – a Public Relations & Marketing Specialist V, hired at a base salary of \$65,000, and a Program Administrator Specialist II, hired at a base salary of \$40,000. Total cost for the Office of Small Business Advocacy, including salary & benefits, supplies and materials, travel, and one time equipment costs, is estimated to be \$154,444 for FY2007 and an on-going cost of \$149,444 (excluding one time equipment costs of \$5,000). DBA will provide the necessary office space, furniture, and IT services for the two new positions.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Item 102.

8. Fiscal implications: See Item 6.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Business Assistance.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to HB1228. The only difference between the two bills is the definition of small business. According to the Department of Business Assistance, the change in definition does not change the fiscal impact estimate.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade