

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB363-ER

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

2. Patron Wampler

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Office of Commonwealth Preparedness.

5. Summary/Purpose: Makes permanent the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and provides for the appointment of an Assistant to the Governor by the Governor to serve a four-year term. The bill sets out the duties of the Office and also creates the Secure Commonwealth Panel and sets out its membership and duties.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: FINAL; See item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes; Item 46.

8. Fiscal implications: According to the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, the substitute proposal will require an additional 9.5 positions above its present budget to address the additional responsibilities required under this legislation. Assuming an average salary per position of \$50,000 per year, the cost for these positions (including fringe benefits) is estimated at \$475,000 per year.

Neither the House nor Senate provided any additional funding for the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness to support the anticipated increase in workload generated under this legislative proposal.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and the Department of Emergency Management.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: Similar to HB1004-ER. The proposed 2006-08 biennial budget for the Commonwealth Preparedness Office includes \$478,956 and three positions for each year of the biennium.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety