

Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2423

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

2. Patron: May

3. Committee: Science and Technology

4. Title: **Broadband Advisory Council.**

5. Summary: The substitute bill establishes the Governor's Broadband Advisory Council and changes the membership. The purpose of the council shall be to advise the Governor on policy and funding priorities to expedite deployment and reduce the cost of broadband access in the Commonwealth. The council shall be staffed by the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance.

6. Fiscal Impact: Minimal.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Staffing will be handled by the Director of the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance and Special Assistant to the Secretary of Technology in the same fashion that the Commonwealth Broadband Roundtable was handled in FY 2007. Compensation for the 11 members and any costs associated with staffing support of the council can be absorbed within the office's existing budget. Membership changes made in the substitute bill present no additional fiscal impact.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Secretary of Technology and the Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: The Senate has proposed similar changes in member composition to its companion bill SB 1336-E.

11. Other Comments: None.

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