

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB23.

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

2. Patron: Locke

3. Committee: House Committee on Science and Technology

4. Title: Aerospace Advisory Council.

5. Summary: The House substitute bill removes the July 1, 2010, sunset on the Aerospace Advisory Council and adds five nonlegislative citizen members to the council. In addition to advising the Governor, the council shall advise the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Technology, Commerce and Trade, and Education and Workforce Development on policy and funding priorities with respect to aerospace development, workforce training, and educational programs and curriculum. The bill charges the Department of Aviation with the responsibility for staffing the council, and assigns the Department of Legislative Services to supply additional staff support to legislative members. Also, the bill rewrites the duties of the council and removes the privilege of reimbursement of expenses for nonlegislative citizen members.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: While the bill increases the number of nonlegislative members on the council by five, it removes the privilege of reimbursement of expenses for all nonlegislative citizen members, thus staffing support costs are likely to decrease. There are potential costs associated with the coordination of meetings, the publishing of minutes, the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Mid-Atlantic spaceport, and the requirement to assist the governor with any aerospace related events and conferences hosted by the Commonwealth, but the Department of Aviation expects to be able to absorb these costs within their existing budget.

The Division of Legislative Services expects no fiscal impact to the agency from this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Technology, Commerce and Trade, and Education and Workforce Development.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to the Senate substitute for HB 676.