

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2010 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB290

House of Origin      X   Introduced        \_\_\_ Substitute        \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House        \_\_\_ In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute        \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Deeds

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**        **Board for Housing and Community Development; Green Building Code.**

**5. Summary:** Requires the Board for Housing and Community Development to promulgate a Green Building Code as a part of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).

**6. Fiscal impact estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This proposal represents a significant change to the USBC. The USBC covers the built environment; the proposed bill would require the regulation of durability, environmental issues, land use issues and operational building issues. The development of a new code would have costs, although indeterminate at this time, to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Departments of Housing and Community Development, Health, Environmental Quality, and Conservation and Recreation .

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** The International Code Council (ICC) is a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention. ICC is the primary model code organization, including the USBC. It develops the codes and standards used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. ICC is in the process of developing a set of green codes, the International Green Construction Code (IGCC). IGCC will be the first-ever integrated green code for commercial buildings. The green code is scheduled for release in 2011. In terms of home building, the ICC's National Green Building Standard, has provided guidance to green residential builders since January 2009. The council developed the standard with the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for both new and renovated single-family to high-rise residential buildings. A number of other local and national green standards exist for home building, including the United State's Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED for Homes and Energy Star Homes.

SB109 requires executive branch agencies and institutions entering the design phase for construction of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size, or renovating such a building where the cost of renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building, to

conform to the LEED Silver or Green Globes two globe standard. Exemptions from the requirement may be granted by the Director of the Department of General Services upon a finding of special circumstances that make construction or renovation to the standards impracticable

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