

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

1. Bill Number: HB1144

House of Origin Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: J.M. Scott, Hugo, and Keam

3. Committee: Science and Technology

4. Title: **State employee telecommuting and alternative work schedules for state employees.**

5. Summary: The bill increases the target for eligible state employee participation in telecommuting and alternative work schedules to 40 percent in each respective program by January 1, 2012

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: The fiscal impact of this proposed legislation is indeterminate as the implementation of any telecommuting or alternative work policy could result in additional costs to state agencies. The amount depends upon the extent to which state agencies must provide employees with computer equipment and associated line access for off-site work locations. Also, an increase in the number of employees telecommuting could increase the need for additional equipment (such as servers and modems), line connections, and software licenses to allow either dial-in access or internet access. The bill would mandate agencies to have at least a 40 percent level of participation in alternate work schedules and telecommuting by January 1, 2012. If these terms refer to any location where employees work, the legislation could create a significant impact to agencies that operate a number of field offices.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is similar to HB 1015.

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