## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	HB1554		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- **2. Patron:** Loupassi
- 3. Committee: Passed Both Houses
- **4. Title:** Division of Risk Management; risk management plans; insurance coverage for sheriffs.
- 5. Summary: Requires the risk management plans established by the Department of the Treasury's Division of Risk Management (DRM) for constitutional officers and other political subdivisions to provide liability coverage sufficient to pay as compensation for a single claim against a sheriff or deputy an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million. If a jury returns an award in excess of \$1.5 million, the judge shall reduce the award and enter judgment for such damages in the amount of \$1.5 million.
- 6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See item 8, below.
- 7. Fiscal Impact Estimates are final. See item 8, below.
- 8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that the proposed legislation will have fiscal impact on the plan administered by the Department of the Treasury's Division of Risk Management on behalf of Constitutional Officers and Regional Jails. However, the fiscal impact is indeterminate. Under the provisions of the bill, the maximum amount payable per claim would increase from \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million. Depending upon the number of claimants awarded a larger sum as a result of the increased cap, it may be necessary for DRM to increase the amount of the premiums paid by plan participants. Premiums are paid by participating local governments and non-profit entities.
- **9.** Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: localities, local and regional jails, Department of the Treasury's Division of Risk Management, State Compensation Board.
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

## 11. Other Comments: None.

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