

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB841

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

**2. Patron:** Locke

**3. Committee:** General Laws

**4. Title:** Uniform Statewide Building Code;

**5. Summary:** Authorizes an owner or managing agent of a residential dwelling unit to develop and implement reasonable occupancy standards restricting the maximum number of occupants permitted to occupy the dwelling unit to two persons per bedroom. Under the bill, the occupancy standard is subject to the provisions of applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The bill also provides that the occupancy standards of an owner or managing agent shall not be enforceable under the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code..

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates are preliminary.** See item 8, below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Housing and Community Development may incur some costs in updating the Uniform Statewide Building Code to reflect that each bedroom shall contain at least 70 square feet of floor area, and each bedroom occupied by more than one person shall contain at least 50 square feet of floor area for each occupant. However, any such costs are anticipated to be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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