

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB594

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

2. **Patron:** BaCote

3. **Committee:** Local Government

4. **Title:** Commission on Local Government; local mandates.

5. **Summary:** This substitute bill extends from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2018, the task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates on localities. In addition, the bill adds two members to the task force.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No, see item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	0	n/a	n/a
2015	\$1,888	n/a	General Fund
2016	\$1,888	n/a	General Fund
2017	\$1,888	n/a	General Fund
2018	\$1,888	n/a	General Fund
2019	0	n/a	n/a
2020	0	n/a	n/a

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill adds two members to the five-member task force, bringing the total members to seven. The bill also extends the provisions of the bill from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2018.

According to the Department of Housing and Community Development, the task force was established as a temporary entity, and as such, the department did not receive appropriation for administration of the task force. As this bill adds two members and extends the provisions to July 1, 2018, the bill creates an additional expenditure impact on the Commission on Local Government. At this time, it is anticipated that the costs can be absorbed.

The current task force was established during the 2011 session and became effective on July 1, 2011 (FY 2012). Since then, the task force has met 16 times. As such, the Commission expects that the task force will meet approximately eight times per year through FY 2018. The agency calculates the cost per member per year to be \$944. This figure assumes a meal cost of \$13, \$5 parking fee, and a \$100 travel reimbursement to the members for each of the

eight meetings. This bill will continue the expenditure impact of \$4,720 for the current five members of the task force through FY 2018. For the two new members, the agency expects an additional expenditure impact of \$1,888 in each year through FY 2018. The administrative work tied to the meetings can be handled by current staff at the Commission on Local Government.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development; Commission on Local Government; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: During the 2013 session, a reduction in the amount of \$12,409 from the administrative budget of the Commission on Local Government was approved by the General Assembly.

This bill is identical to SB163 as engrossed by the Senate.