

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1055

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

2. Patron: Ruff

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Department of Historic Resources; duties.

5. Summary: This bill requires the Director of the Department of Historic Resources to review and respond to any request from a federal agency for a consultation process under the Director's authority as the State Historic Preservation Officer for review, concurrence, or execution of reports, agreements, determinations, and other documents within 30 days or such period of time that is less than 30 days if requested by the federal agency. The bill provides that if the Director does not respond to the federal agency within the requested time, the Director's review will be deemed waived and, if the Director's approval, concurrence, or execution has been requested, such approval, concurrence, or execution shall be deemed granted. The bill also places certain deadlines by which the Director must take action on applications for a permit for an archaeological field investigation involving the removal of human skeletal remains or associated artifacts from any unmarked human burial.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 385, HB30/SB30.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021	\$105,834	1	General Fund
2022	\$105,834	1	General Fund
2023	\$105,834	1	General Fund
2024	\$105,834	1	General Fund
2025	\$105,834	1	General Fund
2026	\$105,834	1	General Fund

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a workload and expenditure impact to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The agency anticipates that it will require at least one additional Review and Compliance staff person to complete expedited \$ 106 reviews, pursuant to the provisions of the bill. This bill does not provide criteria to define under what circumstances a federal agency could request an expedited review nor does it provide circumstances under which DHR could decline a request for an expedited review. As such, DHR anticipates that that a large number of agencies will request an expedited review.

Currently, DHR's staff conducts an average of 4,000 reviews annually.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Historic Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.