

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1533

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

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Medical marijuana program; additional cultivation facility.

5. Summary: A pharmaceutical processor to whom a permit has been issued by the Board may (i) establish up to five cannabis dispensing facilities, subject to the permit requirement set forth in subsection B, for the dispensing of cannabis products that have been cultivated and produced on the premises of a pharmaceutical processor permitted by the Board and (ii) in the case of a pharmaceutical processor located in Health Service Area III, establish one additional location at which the pharmaceutical processor may cultivate cannabis plants. Each cannabis dispensing facility and the additional cultivation location shall be located within the same health service area as the pharmaceutical processor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The total fiscal impact the provisions of this legislation, as amended, would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. It is unclear if the additional location established in Health Service Area III for which a pharmaceutical process can cultivate cannabis plants may also establish up to five additional facilities. It is also unknown which processing method would be used at each facility. Different processing methods have different regulations, as such some or more complex and time-consuming than others. If there is a significant increase in workload from the establishment of an additional location, which require more complex inspections, an additional inspector may be needed. A cost estimate of the position would be \$172,000 in salary, fringe benefits, and agency operational costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.