

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1329

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

2. Patron: Peace

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: **State-owned communications towers; broadband service**

5. Summary: This bill requires state agencies to lease or convey an interest in a state-owned communication tower or site for which it is responsible to qualified providers of wireless broadband service in order to deploy broadband Internet service in areas of the Commonwealth that are not receiving adequate broadband service. The conveyances will be subject to guidelines adopted by the Department of General Services (DGS), and shall require payment of such consideration as the DGS director deems appropriate and which is commensurate with the consideration paid for use of comparable space on similar towers or sites.

6. Fiscal Impact: Minimal

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: Since authority already exists to lease space to wireless broadband providers, this legislation will have no impact on revenue. DGS indicates it can absorb any additional costs for overseeing the program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies and institutions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Similar to SB 206.

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