

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB23S1

House of Origin    \_\_\_ Introduced    X Substitute    \_\_\_ Engrossed  
Second House      X In Committee    \_\_\_ Substitute    \_\_\_ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Locke

**3. Committee:** House Committee on Science and Technology

**4. Title:** Aerospace Advisory Council.

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill removes the sunset on the Aerospace Advisory Council and adds five members to the council. In addition to advising the Governor, the council shall advise the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Technology (SOTech), Commerce and Trade, and Education, on policy and funding priorities with respect to aerospace development, workforce training, and educational programs and curriculum.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The substitute bill increases the number of nonlegislative members on the council by five. This will increase the costs of reimbursements being paid by the SOTech office which is responsible for providing staff and associated funding to support the council. SOTech provides two more examples where the office may incur significant costs which cannot be absorbed within their current budget:

- The bill requires the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Mid-Atlantic spaceport. SOTech expects that preparation of the long-term strategic plan would require a considerable amount of time and specific skills that are currently not available as restrained by the present staffing level. Assuming that this would be a “near term” activity, a person with strong business writing and presentation skills would need to be hired or contracted.
- The bill calls for SOTech to assist the governor with any aerospace related events and conferences hosted by the Commonwealth. This requirement may lead to a great deal of work depending on the number and frequency of the events.

For these two examples alone, SOTech projects the following costs associated with the substitute bill:

Staffing

Standard staffing requirements and event coordination - .75 FTE - \$30,000/year

Long-term strategic plan development – 1 person, 2 years - \$75,000/year (hire or contract)

Supplies

Meeting and administrative supplies - \$7,500/yr

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Secretaries of Technology, Commerce and Trade, and Education and Workforce Development.

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

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to the House substitute for HB 676.

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