

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2070

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Plum

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC); regulations of the Board of Housing and Community Development.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards requiring existing buildings or facilities to have at least one accessible route connecting accessible parking and accessible passenger loading zones to an accessible entrance of such building or facility. The bill provides that such standards (i) shall apply regardless of the date of construction of the parking lot, loading zone, or building or facility and (ii) may include reasonable exemptions from such requirements as deemed appropriate by the Board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal impact estimates are preliminary. See item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: There may be some costs to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) associated with the adoption of the new regulations; however, such costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Also, state agencies may incur costs in complying with the new regulations. Normally, enforcement of the USBC is the responsibility of the local government's building inspections department. However, the Department of General Services serves as the building official for state projects, except for those at the charter universities. The state impact is indeterminate until such time as an inventory of potentially affected properties is compiled and an assessment is made of any necessary modifications to existing buildings or facilities.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development, local governments, Department of General Services, other state agencies and universities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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