Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2459

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

2. **Patron:** Surovell

3. **Committee:** Privileges and Elections

4. **Title:** Absentee voting; persons age 65 and older will be entitled to vote.

5. **Summary:** Provides that persons age 65 and older will be entitled to vote absentee.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: Yes, Item 79, HB 1500

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The passage of this bill will require the State Board of Elections (SBE) to update the statewide election management system (VERIS) to establish a new code type for absentee reason. The approximate one-time cost for implementing this is $3,020. There are additional indeterminate expenses arising from other required modifications, such as that of the absentee reports and the main absentee application. The agency website, forms, guidance documents and instructions will also need to be updated with training on law changes for general registrars and electoral boards.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Board of Elections (SBE), local government(s)

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** This bill is identical to SB 937.

Date: 2/1/2011