

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 1463

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

2. Patron: Ticer, Patricia S.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Kinesiotherapists; licensure required

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Medicine to license and regulate kinesiotherapists.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required for the licensure of kinesiotherapists, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

7. Fiscal Impact Is Unknown (see item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: Although the regulation of kinesiotherapists will clearly have a fiscal impact on the Board of Medicine, the amount and impact on licensure fees is unknown. Costs for the Board of Medicine will increase in licensing and disciplinary functions. The fee structure for professions regulated by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) is established as to offset the anticipated costs of the board. Although the department does not have an exact estimate as to the number of kinesiotherapists in the Commonwealth, it believes there are between 50 and 200.

The bill does not expressly require an advisory board for kinesiotherapists, therefore no costs are assumed. Requiring the Board of Medicine to regulate a new population of practitioners is assumed to increase the department's disciplinary workload by some measure. Enforcement staff will be required to investigate additional complaints against kinesiotherapists accused of misconduct. Moreover, additional board resources will be required to provide the subsequent review and adjudication of these cases.

Assuming 125 kinesiotherapists were licensed, the increase in the agency's regulatory workload is likely to be such that additional staff support will be required. It unknown the additional work would require the hiring of a full position or merely part-time staff; however it is assumed that existing licensure and enforcement staff would be augmented, as necessary, to ensure the board's standards of practice. Moreover, it is assumed that the fee structure for kinesiotherapists will be such that it covers the additional costs associated with the regulation of its practitioners. For example, the least expensive biennial renewal fee for an independent

profession licensed by the Board of Medicine is \$312. Assuming this fee and 125 kinesiotherapists are licensed, \$39,000 in licensure revenue would be generated each biennium. The final fee structure will have to be adjusted to account for actual expenditures.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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