

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1332

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: Farrell

3. Committee: Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Local government audit; Auditor of Public Accounts

5. Summary: Allows a local governing body to request an audit from the Auditor of Public Accounts at any time upon a majority vote, with the expense of the audit to be borne by the locality.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this bill require the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to “*also audit the accounts of a local government at any other time upon a majority vote of the local governing body.*” The bill also stipulates that the costs of such audits would be the responsibility of localities that choose to issue such a request. However, there could be an impact on the Auditor of Public Accounts because it creates a situation that requires the APA to potentially have resources on hand to respond to such audit requests to include hiring additional audit staff. The exact impact is indeterminate because the number and size of localities that may request such audits is unknown.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Auditor of Public Accounts and all local governments.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: N/A

Date: 1/21/12