

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB594

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

2. Patron: BaCote

3. Committee: Conference

4. Title: Commission on Local Government; local mandates.

5. Summary: This Conference-substitute bill reconstitutes the five-member task force appointed by the Governor to review state mandates as the nine-member Joint Task Force for Local Mandate Review. Two additional members shall be non-governmental appointees with a background in business. The remaining two appointments will be made by the General Assembly. The bill also extends the provisions of the bill to July 1, 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. An amendment of \$3,200 is required to Item 1 of HB30/SB30 for per diems paid by the General Assembly.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	0	n/a	n/a
2015	\$6,976	n/a	General Fund
2016	\$6,976	n/a	General Fund
2017	\$6,976	n/a	General Fund
2018	\$6,976	n/a	General Fund
2019	0	n/a	n/a
2020	0	n/a	n/a

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill reconstitutes the five-member task force as the nine-member Joint Task Force for Local Mandate Review. The bill also extends the provisions of the bill from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2018.

According to the Department of Housing and Community Development, the task force was established as a temporary entity, and as such, the department did not receive appropriation for administration of the task force. As this bill reconstitutes the task force further to a ten-member body and extends the provisions to July 1, 2018, the bill creates an additional expenditure impact on the Commission on Local Government. At this time, it is anticipated that the costs can be absorbed.

The current task force was established during the 2011 session and became effective on July 1, 2011 (FY 2012). Since then, the task force has met 16 times. As such, the Commission expects that the reconstituted task force will meet approximately eight times per year through FY 2018. The agency calculates the cost per member per year to be \$944. This figure assumes a meal cost of \$13, \$5 parking fee, and a \$100 travel reimbursement to the members for each of the eight meetings. This bill will continue the expenditure impact of \$4,720 for the current five members of the task force through FY 2018. For the four new members, the agency expects an additional expenditure impact of \$3,776 in each year through FY 2018. The administrative work tied to the meetings can be handled by current staff at the Commission on Local Government.

The bill specifies that two of the members of the reconstituted task force shall be members of the General Assembly. While the provisions of the bill specify that all members of the task force will serve without compensation, Item 1 of HB30/SB30 requires that General Assembly members be compensated for attendance at any official meeting at a rate of \$200 per day. An additional expense of \$3,200 is expected to the legislature for per diems paid directly from Clerks of Senate/House.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development; Commission on Local Government; localities; legislative branch.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: During the 2013 session, a reduction in the amount of \$12,409 from the administrative budget of the Commission on Local Government was approved by the General Assembly.

This bill is identical to SB163 as substituted by the House. HB1011 also deals with the task force by extending the task force to July 1, 2018 and is enrolled.