

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB340

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

**2. Patron:** Puller

**3. Committee:** Local Government

**4. Title:** Group homes of eight or fewer; public notice and hearing; smoke detectors.

**5. Summary:** This bill allows a locality to require any party wishing to establish a certain type of residential facility for the aged, infirm, disabled, or those with mental illness to provide public notice and participate in a public hearing. The bill requires the operator of such a facility to install smoke detectors regardless of when the building was constructed and directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards for requiring smoke detectors.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt regulations establishing standards for requiring smoke detectors. It is anticipated that the costs associated in doing so will be minimal and can be absorbed within current resources.

According to the Department of General Services (DGS), this bill requires DGS to certify compliance by state agencies that operate state-owned group homes. The Bureau of Capital Outlay Management (BCOM) would be the organization within DGS that would conduct the compliance inspection and issue a certificate. BCOM is an Internal Service Fund division that requires it to charge for provided services. DGS estimates it would cost approximately \$250 to complete an on-site compliance inspection prior to issuing a certificate. DGS would recover its costs to complete the inspection and issue a certificate from the owner of the state-owned group home.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development; Department of General Services; state agencies that operate group-homes.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.