

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1797

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: Knight

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity; definition of small business.

5. Summary: This bill changes the definition of a small business to require the business, together with affiliates, to have 250 or fewer employees and average annual gross receipts of \$10 million or less averaged over the previous three years. Currently, a small business is required to meet one or the other of these conditions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a material fiscal impact to the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity. Currently, the department is responsible for administering the Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned Business (SWaM) certification program. The application process for certification includes an on-line application. The department will need to update the application forms to match the newly established criteria and definition provided for in this bill; however, the agency assumes that this can be completed within current resources. According to the agency, any business that is certified as a small business under the current definition would retain certification through its expiration date.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to HB1901 and SB885.