

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1482

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: Gooditis

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Involuntary Admission or certification of eligibility order; appeals.

5. Summary: Clarifies provisions governing appeals of orders for involuntary admission or for certification as eligible for admission to a training center and provides that in cases in which a person is released during the pendency of an appeal, the appeal shall be in accordance with provisions for testing the legality of detention.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation allows the court to extend the commitment of an individual who has appealed a civil commitment for up to 30 days upon hearing the appeal. This legislation also clarifies how appeals of civil commitment should be managed if an individual has been released from hospitalization during the pendency of an appeal.

Allowing the court that hears the civil commitment appeal to extend the commitment by 30 days may decrease the number of commitment hearings CSB or DBHDS staff must attend. Currently, staff must attend the appeal hearing and attend any subsequent recommitment hearing. Often times, by the time the appeal hearing is held, it is nearly time for a recommitment hearing, resulting in redundancies.

Under current law, state hospitals can discharge a patient under civil commitment at any time once the person no longer meets commitment criteria, therefore the extension allowed by this legislation is not likely to result in additional bed days at state facilities.

The impact on the judicial system was not available at the time this fiscal impact statement was issued.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, CSBs, State Psychiatric Hospitals

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.