

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB688

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Aird

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:** Community health workers; certification.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Department of Health to approve one or more entities to certify community health workers in the Commonwealth and prohibits a person from using or assuming the title of certified community health worker unless he is certified by a credentialing entity approved by the Department and submits an application to the Department with evidence of such certification. The bill defines the terms "certified community health worker" and "community health worker."

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, item 301.

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

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021	\$205,032	01000
2022	\$66,007	01000
2023	\$66,007	01000
2024	\$66,007	01000
2025	\$66,007	01000
2026	\$66,007	01000

8. **Fiscal Implications:** There would be a fiscal impact for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to staff and develop the infrastructure to maintain a Community Health Worker (CHW) certification system and a registry of certified CHWs. The bill provides that an individual seeking certification submit to VDH a completed application and evidence that they are certified by a department approved credentialing entity. In order to maintain these records VDH would need to develop a system to house the data.

VDH does not have a certification system or registry for CHWs and would require one-time costs to develop the system. The Office of Emergency Medical Services has a similar certification system for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and based on the costs of existing hardware and infrastructure, the cost to develop a similar system for CHW would be \$139,025. VDH would align this certification program with the current EMS certification

system so that ongoing maintenance costs for the CHW program would be absorbed within existing resources for the EMS system. VDH would also require one wage position at \$66,007 per year to oversee the CHW certification program.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** The Virginia Department of Health.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.