

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB881

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

2. Patron: Locke

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves Fund.

5. Summary: This bill creates the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves Fund and provides that any funds that are appropriated to the Department of Historic Resources but not used for the maintenance of graves, in particular the listed historical African American cemeteries, shall be deposited in the Fund. The bill authorizes the Director of the Department to manage and administer the Fund and to disburse moneys in the Fund to maintain additional graves that have been certified by the Department and documented in the Department's cultural resources database.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), as the agency already administers the activities provided in the bill.

Budget language in paragraph I.1 of Item 385 in HB30/SB30, as introduced, provides \$100,000 in FY 2021 and \$150,000 in FY 2022 from the general fund to support the preservation and care of historical African American graves. Out of these amounts, \$54,655 in each year is for the care and maintenance of graves and cemeteries listed in the Code and in Item 385, paragraphs I.2. through I.10., and \$45,345 is available in FY 2021 and \$95,345 is available in FY 2022 to support the care and maintenance of historical African American cemeteries and graves in addition to those that are specifically listed in statute and the budget bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Historic Resources.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill is the companion to HB1523.

House Bills 210, 314, 379, 905, and 1234 add historical African American cemeteries and

graves to the list of cemeteries in the Code for the care and maintenance of which DHR may disburse funds.