

Department of Planning and Budget
2020 Special Session I - Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB5102

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: Hurst

3. Committee: Labor and Commerce

4. Title: Employee safety; Voluntary Protection Program.

5. Summary: Requires that an employer that hires a crew of 50 or more temporary employees during any declared public health emergency due to COVID-19 is required to participate in the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) for the duration of the public health emergency. The bill requires such an employer to submit an application and receive approval from the Commissioner of Labor and Industry prior to commencing the relevant project and to comply with all relevant standards for VPP participation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require employers that wish to hire 50 or more temporary employees to apply for and be approved for entrance into the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) prior to commencing work on a project. The Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) does not interpret this bill to require the agency make program changes to accommodate the participation of such employers. As a result, DOLI has not identified any resulting fiscal impact.

According to DOLI, the Department of Corrections (DOC) has two prisons that participate in the program. According to DOC, the agency must sometimes utilize contract medical staff to meet operational demands. With current circumstances resulting from COVID-19, DOC may be subject to the requirements of this bill. However, any impact is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DOLI; DOC

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.