

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2154H1

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

2. Patron: Adams, L.R.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Hospitals, nursing homes, and certified nursing facilities; intelligent personal assistants.

5. Summary: Directs the Board of Health to amend regulations governing hospitals, nursing homes, and certified nursing facilities to require hospitals to allow a patient to access and utilize an intelligent personal assistant while receiving inpatient services. "Intelligent personal assistant" is defined in the bill as a combination of an electronic device and a specialized software application designed to assist users with basic tasks using a combination of natural language processing and artificial intelligence, including such combinations known as "digital assistants" or "virtual assistants."

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact. Any increase in cost to amend regulations can be absorbed within existing resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.