

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB672

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

2. Patron: Willett

3. Committee: Passed the House.

4. Title: State, regional, and local planning; climate change.

5. Summary: Establishes a policy of the Commonwealth to prevent and to minimize actions that contribute to the detrimental effects of climate change in the Commonwealth. The bill requires any agency to examine any new regulation in furtherance of this policy. The bill requires local and regional planning commissions to consider the impacts from and causes of climate change in adopting a comprehensive plan, regional strategic plan, or zoning ordinance.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires that any state agency examine the impact on climate change that may result from any new regulation. The extent of the review required is undefined. It is anticipated that this bill will have a greater impact on agencies in certain Secretariats, including the Secretariats of Administration, Transportation, Natural Resources, and Commerce and Trade, as the agencies in these areas promulgate and enforce a multitude of regulations and undertake construction projects. Additional resources may be required; however, the totality of such resources cannot be determined.

This bill may impact localities as it requires local and regional planning commissions to consider the impacts from and causes of climate change in adopting a comprehensive plan, regional strategic plan, or zoning ordinance.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.