

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1489

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: Davis

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Practice of naturopathic medicine.

5. Summary: Establishes licensure requirements for the practice of naturopathic medicine, including educational requirements, examinations, and scope of practice for licensure as a naturopathic doctor, defined in the bill. The bill requires the Board of Medicine to promulgate regulations governing the profession and establishes the Advisory Board on Naturopathy to make recommendations to the Board of Medicine.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, item 301.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have a nongeneral fund impact on the Commonwealth. The Department of Health Professions would require one position to process new registrants and meet the provisions of the bill. The cost of this position is estimated at \$85,900 including fringe benefits. Fees for registration of a naturopathic doctor would be set at a level comparable to fees for professions licensed by the Board of Medicine and would cover the costs of the position. The Boards are at capacity reviewing applications for the certified and licensed professions they presently regulate, and therefore do not have sufficient staff to register this additional population. Staffing of the Advisory Board would be added to the duties of this position.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.