

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2243

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Cordoza

3. Committee: Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: Fund to Assist Localities with Translation of Essential Documents established.

5. Summary: Establishes the Fund to Assist Localities with Translation of Essential Documents to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of making grants to local governments to address the availability of translated essential documents for those citizens and taxpayers of the Commonwealth and its localities for whom English is a second language. The bill provides that the Fund shall make grants to local governments for the purpose of translating essential documents into foreign languages.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, to capitalize the newly established Fund.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill creates a new fund in the state treasury called the Fund to Assist Localities with Translation of Essential Documents. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is tasked with managing and administering the Fund. To capitalize the Fund, an appropriation is required. The bill does not identify a funding source. The provisions allow DHCD to disburse from the Fund reasonable costs and expenses incurred in administration and management of the Fund.

The bill also authorizes the Auditor of Public Accounts to audit the Fund and provides that the cost of such auditing services shall be borne by the Fund.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Housing and Community Development; Auditor of Public Accounts; localities.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.