

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1270

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:** McQuinn

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Board of Housing and Community Development; mold inspections.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits any local building department from issuing a building permit until the local building department receives certification from the owner or his agent that the building has been inspected for the presence of black mold and that no black mold was found or that appropriate remediation will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The bill directs the Board of Housing and Community Development to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill relating to the requirements of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The provisions of the bill relating to the issuance of a building permit contain a contingent effective date, to be certified in writing by the Code Commission, to take effect on the date on which the emergency regulations become effective.

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

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

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any fiscal impact on the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as a result of this bill in isolation can be absorbed within existing resources. However, three bills involving the facilitation of a variety of building code workgroups and stakeholder meetings are currently in consideration. Cumulatively, the impact of these tasks may not be absorbable to the agency. Based on experience with similar work, DHCD has estimated the cost of work resulting from this bill at \$10,500, which can be absorbed within existing general fund appropriation in the agency's Regulation of Structure Safety program. With the exception of fiscal year 2023, DHCD has historically had negligible unspent general fund balances in this program.

SB195/HB368, HB1270, and HB1092 have similar estimated costs, for a cumulative estimated total of \$31,500 in fiscal year 2025. Any funding provided in relation to stakeholder group facilitation can be allocated to Item 105 in HB30/SB30 as introduced.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.