

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2737 - A3

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Measure Description:

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt amendments to state building code to establish specified standards for homes that have floor area of not more than 400 square feet.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - Explanatory Fiscal Impact Statement.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Analysis:

HB 2737 with the -A3 amendment requires the Building Codes Division in the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to study the fire risks of small dwellings 400 square feet and less. The Building Codes Division would then be required to use the findings of the study to adopt an amendment to the state building code addressing small dwellings, which must include provisions for sleeping lofts and ladders or alternate tread devices, by February 1, 2018.

The fiscal impact of this bill to DCBS is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within its existing budgetary resources. The cost of the required study will depend on the extent of testing required to sufficiently analyze the fire risks and mitigation strategies for small homes. DCBS projects the cost could range between \$75,000 to \$200,000, depending on available modeling data. DCBS reports that the Building Codes Division has sufficient fund balance and expenditure limitation to cover the study if it falls between this cost range.