

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-5781

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SENIOR  
CITIZENS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8976)

House Calendar No.: 56

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	100,000	None
Aging and Disability Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	81,000	81,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	34,684	34,684
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:** None

The bill results in a cost to the Office of Policy and Management, Department of Aging and Disability Services, and the Office of the State Comptroller, as well as a potential revenue gain to the Department of Social Services. Fiscal impact is detailed by section below.

Section 6 of the bill establishes a new Dementia Services Coordinator position in the Department of Aging and Disability Services and results in total state costs of \$115,684 in both FY 24 and FY 25. This includes costs of approximately \$81,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25 associated with the new Coordinator position (based on the average salary for a Health Program Assistant 2), and \$34,684 in both FY 24 and FY 25 for associated

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

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Section 7 could result in a revenue gain to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with fines for nursing homes due to noncompliance with documentation requirements established by the amendment. Failure to comply with the provisions could result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 for each incident of noncompliance. Fines must be paid to the General Fund and credited to the Medicaid account.

Section 11 results in a cost of \$100,000 in FY 24 to the Office of Policy and Management to hire one consultant who will develop a plan to transfer homemaker-companion agency registration and oversight responsibilities from the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and prepare the required report by August 1, 2024.

The bill makes technical, conforming and other changes that have no fiscal impact.

House "A" strikes the language in the underlying bill and the associated impact and results in the fiscal impact described above.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation. The cost to OPM is anticipated in FY 24 only.