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sSB-959

AN ACT CONCERNING MOLD IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 8185)

Senate Calendar No.: 75

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	42,934	78,386
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	16,729	33,458

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill is anticipated to result in a cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) of \$42,934 in FY 24 and \$78,386 in FY 25 and a cost to the Office of the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits of \$16,729 in FY 24 and \$33,458 in FY 25. The cost to DPH reflects the salary of a Health Program Associate for half of the fiscal year (\$39,068) in FY 24 and the position's full fiscal year salary (\$78,136) in FY 25, a one-time equipment cost of \$3,616 in FY 24, and on-going other expenses for general office supplies of \$250 in both fiscal years. The cost to the Office of the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits reflects the funding needed for the position's fringe benefits.

The bill requires, by 1/1/24, DPH to: (1) evaluate information/guidance published by the U.S. Environmental Protection

¹The 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.

Agency on identifying, assessing, and remediating mold and limiting mold exposure; (2) develop uniform standards for identifying and assessing mold in residential housing; (3) develop uniform standards for remediating mold, including any necessary revisions to DPH's guidelines establishing mold abatement protocols; (4) develop guidelines for limiting mold exposure in residential housing and uniform standards for assessing the health threat from this exposure, including its effect on indoor air quality; (5) publish these standards and guidelines on the agency's website; and (6) develop a public awareness campaign concerning mold in residential housing.

The bill also establishes a working group to evaluate the connection between polybutylene pipes and indoor mold in residential and commercial buildings resulting in no fiscal impact because the working group has the expertise to meet the requirements of the amendment.

Senate "A" establishes the working group to evaluate the connection between polybutylene pipes and indoor mold in residential and commercial buildings resulting in the fiscal impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

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