

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1398

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Bennett-Parker

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Preservation of affordable housing; definitions; civil penalty.

5. **Summary:** Creates a framework for localities to preserve affordable housing by exercising a right of first refusal on publicly supported housing, defined in the bill. The bill authorizes localities to implement an ordinance that requires an owner to accept a right of first refusal offer by the locality or qualified designee, defined in the bill, in order to preserve affordable housing for a period of not less than 15 years. The bill requires that any locality adopting such an ordinance to preserve affordable housing submit an annual report to the Department of Housing and Community Development by December 31.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

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 as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.