

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1533

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

2. **Patron:** Deeds

3. **Committee:** Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. **Title:** Medical marijuana program; additional cultivation facility.

5. **Summary:** Allows each pharmaceutical processor that has obtained a permit to operate a pharmaceutical processing facility from the Board of Pharmacy to establish one additional location for the cultivation of cannabis plants, which must be located within the same health service area as the pharmaceutical processing facility.

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

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The total fiscal impact the provisions of this legislation would have on the Commonwealth cannot be determined. It is unknown how many existing pharmaceutical processor's would choose to establish an additional location for cultivation. It is also unknown which processing method would be used at each facility. Different processing methods have different regulations, as such some or more complex and time-consuming than others. If there is a significant increase in additional locations which require more complex inspections, an additional inspector may be needed. A cost estimate of the position would be \$172,000 in salary, fringe benefits, and agency operational costs.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health Professions.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.