

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB126

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Davis

3. Committee: Commerce and Energy

4. Title: Health insurance; proton radiation therapy coverage.

5. Summary: Provides that if proton radiation therapy is recommended by an enrollee's insurance policy, subscription contract, or health care plan beneficiary's health care provider as the preferred radiation therapy treatment to lessen the potential of detrimental side effects, then a carrier shall not deny coverage for such treatment solely on the basis of cost. The provision applies to all insurance policies, subscription contracts, and health care plans delivered, issued for delivery, reissued, or extended in the Commonwealth on and after January 1, 2023.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary – see item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: Per the Department of Human Resource Management, the estimated impact to the state employee health insurance plan is approximately \$92,000, based on the assumption that approximately 10 percent of radiation therapy cases may utilize proton radiation therapy. However, no budget amendment is necessary, as the magnitude of this expected impact is small enough that no change is required to the health insurance premiums assumed in House Bill/Senate Bill 30 and can be absorbed by the state health insurance fund (HIF).

The State Corporation Commission indicates this bill does not have a fiscal impact on its operations.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Human Resource Management, State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: HB1111 also concerns insurance coverage for proton radiation therapy.