

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB544

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

2. **Patron:** Marsden

3. **Committee:** General Laws and Technology

4. **Title:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; training requirement for barbers.

5. **Summary:** Provides that the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology shall require completion of no more than 1,000 hours of training in the field for which the applicant seeks initial licensing to practice cosmetology.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$40,750	-	09222

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill increases the administrative responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by requiring amendments to the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology (Board) regulations to reduce the number of required training hours to no more than 1,000 hours. DPOR estimates that two additional board meetings will be required to revise the regulations, which is estimated to cost \$4,000. Additionally, staff will need to review amended curriculum for approximately 250 cosmetology and barbering schools. According to DPOR, the regulations pertaining to barbering would be amended to be consistent with those pertaining to cosmetology. The Department says the workload cannot be absorbed by existing staff, and estimates needing three temporary employees for 17 weeks. The total staff cost would be approximately \$36,725. It is anticipated that the agency has sufficient appropriation to support the additional staff and costs associated with additional board meetings.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** None