

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB8

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: Ware

3. Committee: Health and Human Services

4. Title: Medical Ethics Defense Act established.

5. Summary: Establishes the right of a medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer not to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or service that violates such medical practitioner's, health care institution's, or health care payer's conscience, as those terms and conditions are defined in the bill. The bill provides protections for medical practitioners who disclose violations of the bill or report violations of laws or ethical guidelines for the safe provision of any medical procedure or service. The bill also provides a private right of action for any party harmed by violations of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: SB153, as introduced by Delegate Head, is a companion bill.