

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4733**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairperson, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	International Building Code-Balconies		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4733 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to provide that all municipalities and counties shall inspect each exterior balcony in certain residential properties to determine whether the balcony satisfies the requirements of the International Building Code. The Bill also outlines that municipalities must prohibit use of an unsatisfactory balcony until the balcony meets the applicable standards.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation estimates this Bill will have a minimal cost on the State General Fund but can be absorbed by the agency.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

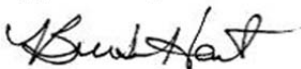
Pursuant to Section 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed local governments to assess the impact of this Bill. Three counties indicated that cost of this Bill would be substantial. One county provided an estimate of approximately \$120,000 per year which would total approximately \$600,000 over the five-year compliance of the program.

Municipal respondents could not provide a total cost but did indicate this Bill could be expensive especially in coastal municipalities. One area of cost would be in the provision requiring inspections by certified engineers, which would likely have to be contracted. In addition, most municipalities indicated they do not have a data base of properties with balconies.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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