

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 1043

PRINTER NO. 1366

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund
Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

February 3, 2022

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Stefano

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1043 amends the Steel Products Procurement Act to require a public agency to create a centralized portal to allow for electronic submission of required documentation of steel products under the act.

The legislation provides that a person under a contract may submit the required documentation to the centralized portal when the person obtains the unidentified steel products under the contract.

The legislation also provides that after the initial submission of the required documentation, the person under the contract may use the unidentifiable steel products in future projects if the person submits a certification to the public agency that the person previously submitted the required documentation.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of Senate Bill 1043 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. Both the Department of General Services and the Department of Transportation, which procure steel products on behalf of the Commonwealth, have indicated that the cost to provide for a centralized portal for the electronic submission of steel products documentation would be minimal and can be accomplished within their existing budgets as they currently operate online systems for the submission of the documentation that would meet the requirements of the legislation.

The legislation also requires counties, municipal governments, municipal authorities and public school entities that procure steel products to create centralized portals to allow the required documentation to be submitted electronically as they are public agencies under the Steel Products Procurement Act. The cost for each of these entities to stand up centralized portals for the submission of documentation is estimated to range from between \$2,000 to \$10,000 depending on the technical competencies of the public agency and the systems it presently uses to manage procurement.