

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	07-2113/3	Introduction Number	AB-0341	Estimate Type	Original
Description Imposing fees for acquiring public park land, dedicating storm water treatment facilities to the public, changing the time relating to when impact fees must be paid and used, and regulating the costs of certain professional services provided through a political subdivision					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

If enacted, this bill would extend the time period during which impact fees must be used for the capital costs to construct certain public facilities that are necessary to accommodate land development from seven years to ten years. The bill also clarifies when impact fee changes apply to fees already collected. In addition, the bill provides an exception to the prohibition on imposing fees for acquisition of land or improvement of park land, requiring that acquisition or improvement of parkland must bear a rational relationship to need resulting from the subdivision. This bill defines the improvements to parks and playgrounds to include construction of physical infrastructure, including rest rooms, and extends the time period following construction for when municipalities must accept stormwater management facilities unless the municipality agrees to an earlier date.

It is possible that this legislation could reduce costs to local government by extending time periods for when an impact fee must be used to a more appropriate time period, by providing flexibility for when collection of the fee commences, and by providing explicit information that could simplify the training of personnel in the administration of the impact fee statute. It is also less likely that fees would not be sufficient to cover major capital facility costs associated with the impact fee, or that fees would have to be returned.

The local fiscal estimate is indeterminate because it is not possible to determine how many communities will be directly affected by this change, nor is it possible to determine how savings to municipalities will be affected by allowing, in a limited manner, improvements associated with parks and playgrounds with impact fee revenues.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Unknown.