

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Changes to the comprehensive planning, or Smart Growth, law					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, beginning on January 1, 2010, any program or action by a town, village, city, or county that affects land use must be consistent with that unit's comprehensive plan. Among the actions or programs that must be consistent with the comprehensive plan are: (1) municipal incorporation procedures; (2) annexation procedures; (3) cooperative boundary agreements; (4) consolidation or detachment of territory; (5) official mapping; (7) local subdivision regulation; (8) extraterritorial plat review; (9) county or municipal zoning ordinances, including zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands, and including zoning for site erosion control and storm water management; (10) improvement of transportation facilities; (11) agricultural preservation plans; (12) impact fee ordinances; (13) acquisition of land for recreation or parks; and (14) any other plan or regulation that relates to land use.

The bill reduces the number of actions by a town, village, city, or county that must be consistent with that unit's comprehensive plan to the following: (1) official mapping; (2) local subdivision regulation; and (3) county or municipal zoning ordinances, including zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands.

The bill restates current law provisions under which comprehensive plans developed by a regional planning commission are advisory only with regard to plans developed by municipalities and counties.

By reducing the number of actions that must be consistent with a unit's comprehensive plan, it is possible that some local governments may not need to develop their own comprehensive plans. This could lead to a reduction in planning costs. The Department is unable to estimate how many governmental units would be so affected, and therefore is unable to estimate the reduction in planning costs this bill could engender.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications