

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2352/1 **Introduction Number AB-645**

Subject
Repeal the comprehensive planning (Smart Growth) statute

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes
 - No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
 - 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
 - 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**
 GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The proposed bill repeals the Smart Growth statute. The department does not have specific statutory authority under the current statute. However, the department does administer the state's farmland preservation program under Ch. 91, Wis. Stats. The farmland preservation program required that counties adopt agricultural preservation plans in order to be eligible for farmland preservation tax credits through locally adopted exclusive agricultural zoning ordinances or individual farmland preservation agreements. A vast majority of the state certified county agricultural preservation plans were adopted in the 1980s, making them almost 20+ years old. The department had hoped that counties would update their agricultural preservation plans as local municipalities and the county prepared comprehensive plans under the smart growth law. Repealing the law still allows counties the statutory authority to prepare and adopt agricultural preservation plans, but the incentives to update plans are reduced if the smart growth law is repealed.

The department does not administer the comprehensive plan grant program, and therefore does not have specific information related to the costs of preparing these plans. The Department of Administration administers these grants and would be a better source for information regarding the implications of the proposed bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Repeal of the smart growth statute in many instances may increase state and local costs related to providing the infrastructure and services as a result of unplanned or poorly planned development. It is also conceivable that the repeal of the smart growth statute could contribute to the loss of highly productive farmland which is a net contributor to the local tax base.