

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description delaying the implementation date of the comprehensive planning statute for certain local governmental units.					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, if a local governmental unit (town, village, city, county, or regional planning commission) creates a comprehensive plan, the plan must contain sections dealing with the following planning elements: housing; transportation; utilities and community facilities; agricultural, natural, and cultural resources; economic development; land use; and intergovernmental cooperation. Local governmental units with land use decision powers are required to adopt a comprehensive plan by January 1, 2010. In addition, beginning on January 1, 2010, local government unit actions that affect land use must be consistent with that unit's comprehensive plan.

Under the bill, the January 1, 2010 deadline is delayed to January 1, 2012, but only if the following conditions are met: (1) the unit has adopted a resolution that commits it to adopting a comprehensive plan on or before January 1, 2012, and (2) the unit has either applied for and not yet received a grant from the Department of Administration's program that helps pay for local planning activities, or the unit has chosen not to apply for a grant under this program.

Since the Department of Revenue (DOR) has no role in the administration of the planning grants or in monitoring which local governmental units have complied with the requirement that a comprehensive plan be enacted, DOR does not know how many local governmental units would be affected by the bill. Thus, it is not possible for DOR to estimate the extent to which expenditures for developing local comprehensive plans would be delayed under the bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications