

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7151

AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO

Title: PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

Vote Date: 3/31/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/10/2025

File No.: 528

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

To ensure the Office of Policy and Management helps municipalities that receive grants by offering support and guidance related to the loss of tax revenue caused by the cap on motor vehicle property tax rates.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Martin Heft, Undersecretary, Office of Policy and Management](#)

Heft writes in opposition to H.B. 7151, stating that Section 1 of the bill is redundant because the Governor's General Government Implementer Bill (HB 6865, Section 30) already addresses updates to municipal spending cap language, clarifying what expenditures should and should not be included.

He also notes that Subsection (h) of HB 7151, which requires OPM to provide technical assistance to municipalities regarding motor vehicle tax grants, is unnecessary. OPM already provides such support upon request, as well as for other statutory grants.

Overall, Heft writes that while OPM is open to working with the committee to ensure clarity in the municipal spending cap language, he questions the overall need for HB 7151.

The Substitute Language provides an exemption in subsection (f)(3) which temporarily shields municipalities from grant reductions in FY 2026 even if they exceed the spending cap.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Shai Richards

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