
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7152

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUBMISSION OF STUDIES AND EVALUATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH LAND USE APPLICATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires certain disclosures on studies or evaluations submitted in connection with a pending local land use application. It applies regardless of conflicting provisions in a special act, municipal charter, or home rule ordinance.

Specifically, the disclosure requirement applies to anyone submitting an environmental, health, traffic, or economic impact study or evaluation to the local legislative body; zoning or planning commission or combined commission; inland wetlands agency; or zoning board of appeals. The person submitting the study or evaluation must include a statement disclosing the following information about it:

1. its author or authors,
2. all costs associated with completing it and the name of the person or entity that paid them, and
3. any conflict of interest that may impact the author or author's ability to provide unbiased data or conclusions.

Under the bill, when making decisions on land use applications for which a study or evaluation was submitted, the legislative body, commission, agency, or board must consider whether the information disclosed, or the failure to provide the disclosure, impacts the study or evaluation's reliability.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/21/2025)