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House Bill 1210

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Washington County - Adequate Public Facilities

This bill provides that, in addition to current authority, the Washington County Commissioners may provide, by ordinance, for the provision and financing of adequate public facilities concurrently with the need for those facilities. The bill details the various types of authority that may be provided to the county commissioners under such an ordinance. The bill does not apply to land within a municipal corporation in the county. It also does not apply to developments approved prior to July 1, 2003.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. The bill would not materially affect Washington County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Local jurisdictions that exercise planning authority granted by Article 66B, including Washington County, are authorized and encouraged to enact ordinances or laws providing for or requiring, among other things, the planning, staging, or provision of adequate public facilities and affordable housing.

Background: Washington County has had an adequate public facilities ordinance in effect since December 1, 1990. Washington County advises that this bill merely clarifies the authority the county already has pursuant to Article 66B.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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