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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 961 (Washington County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Washington County - County Commissioners - Authority to License Home Builders

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to establish a licensing scheme for home builders that may include a license fee and a performance bond requirement.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential increase in Washington County revenues. Minimal increase in expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Should the County Commissioners of Washington County begin licensing homebuilders, county revenues and expenditures could increase. Assuming homebuilders are regulated with the same county licensing scheme as plumbers and electricians, county revenues could increase by \$30,000 the first year the fee is imposed and every third year thereafter (\$10,000 on an annualized basis). This estimate assumes 200 applicants with an annual fee of \$50 per year paid every third year. Washington County advises that no additional personnel would be needed to license homebuilders. Any increase in expense reimbursement or operating expenditures for Building Board of Appeals members could be handled with existing resources.

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