



SF 2265 – Local Government Growth and Development Planning (LSB 5361SV)
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Fiscal Note Version – As amended by the Senate
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Description

Senate File 2265, as amended and passed by the Senate, outlines smart planning principles for use in developing city and county comprehensive plans. Municipalities (defined as cities or counties) are required to consider smart planning and may apply these principles in developing comprehensive plans. The Bill also creates the Iowa Smart Planning Task Force with 27 voting members and four ex-officio members. The Task Force is staffed by the Rebuild Iowa Office and the Department of Management.

Assumptions

- Cities and counties are required to consider smart planning principles when developing comprehensive plans. They are not required to apply the principles. It is assumed that municipalities will utilize smart planning principles when it is their best interest to do so.
- The Bill does not require municipalities to create, update, or change their comprehensive plans.
- Cities and counties are required to make copies of their comprehensive plans available to surrounding cities, counties, public libraries, councils of government, and regional planning commissions. Some municipalities now make their plans available on their websites and this appears to meet the requirements of the Bill. Publication via websites involves minimal costs.
- The Iowa Smart Planning Task Force members will not receive per diem and will not receive reimbursement for expenses.
- The Rebuild Iowa Office and Department of Management will incur opportunity costs for staffing the Task Force but will not require additional funding.

Fiscal Impact

This Bill will create minimal or no cost for cities, counties, or the State General Fund.

Sources

Iowa State Association of Counties
Iowa League of Cities
Rebuild Iowa Office

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17**. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
