



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 161

Committee: State Government

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House Bill 161 as reported by the Committee on State Government would increase obligations of the Division of Construction Management (DCM), by an undetermined amount, to adopt building codes for non-residential buildings, to update the model building code every three years to reflect the most recent International Code Council's most recent revised model building codes, and to provide guidance to local governments in assuring uniform application of the model building codes.

This bill would also reduce the administrative obligations, and the collection of penalty receipts, of local governments that have adopted building codes by removing the authority of local governments to: (1) adopt building codes for non-residential buildings; and (2) prescribe penalties for violating local building codes. Additionally, this bill could increase the obligations of coastal counties and municipalities that opt to adopt supplemental coastal building code requirements pursuant to the provisions of this bill; and could potentially increase obligations to county and municipal governing bodies by an undetermined amount, if they choose to adopt and implement a permitting and inspection program.

In addition, this bill could increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, local jails, the district attorneys, the Department of Corrections, and the Bureau of Pardons, Community Corrections Programs and Paroles by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of building code officials charged with and convicted of the offense provided by this bill and the penalty imposed.

