

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB MLA 10-03 Urban Infill and Redevelopment

SPONSOR(S): Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
Orig. Comm.:	Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee	9 Y, 1 N	Rojas	Hoagland
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill repeals s. 163.2523, F.S., which provides for the establishment of the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program. The grant program is linked to the "Growth Policy Act" passed in 1999 to address urban infill and redevelopment. In Fiscal Year 2000-01, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to the grant program. The Legislature has not appropriated any funds to the grant program in subsequent fiscal years.

The bill also deletes s. 163.2526, F.S., which directs a 2004 OPPAGA review and evaluation of the Growth Policy Act. This report has been concluded. The bill also corrects several statutory cross-references.

There is no fiscal impact associated with the repeal.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

The Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program is administered by the Division of Housing and Community Development of the Department of Community Affairs. The grant program is linked to the "Growth Policy Act" passed in 1999 to address urban infill and redevelopment.

Under the grant program, a local government may allocate grant money to special districts, including community redevelopment agencies, and nonprofit community development organizations to implement projects consistent with an adopted urban infill and redevelopment plan.

The program requires that thirty percent of the general revenue appropriated for this program be made available for planning grants to be used by local governments for the development of an urban infill and redevelopment plan, including community participation processes for the plan. Sixty percent of the general revenue appropriated for this program must be available for fifty/fifty matching grants for implementing urban infill and redevelopment projects that further the objectives set forth in the local government's adopted urban infill and redevelopment plan. The remaining 10 percent of the revenue must be used for outright grants for implementing projects requiring an expenditure of under \$50,000.

In fiscal year 2000-01, the Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to the grant program. The Legislature has not appropriated any funds to the grant program in subsequent fiscal years. There are no remaining funds from the 2000-01 appropriation.

The Legislature directed OPPAGA in s.163.2526, F.S., to review and evaluate the Growth Policy Act. This review was concluded in 2004 and a report was issued. In its report, OPPAGA found that those local governments receiving such grants perceived them as useful. OPPAGA also noted that limited data was available at the time of their report and recommended that in the future, better reporting requirements should be established for grant programs to report on program activities and outcomes.

Effect of the Bill

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The deletion of s.163.2526, F.S., will have no effect. The statutory responsibility of OPPAGA has been fulfilled. In addition the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program have not been funded since the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

- Section 1. Repeals s.163.2523, F.S.
- Section 2. Repeals s. 163.2526, F.S.
- Section 3. Amends s.163.065, F.S., to conform statutory cross-references.
- Section 4. Amends s.163.2511, F.S., to conform statutory cross-references.
- Section 5. Amends s.163.2514, F.S., to conform statutory cross-references.
- Section 6. Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:
None

2. Expenditures:
None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:
None

2. Expenditures:
None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:
None

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES