

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 3 - 2 - 0
Yeas: Bates, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays: Atkinson, Beyer
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/15, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Removes the provision providing that school capacity cannot be the sole basis for approval or denial of a residential development application, unless the application involves changes to a local government comprehensive plan or land use regulations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of rapid residential growth on school facilities
- Need for coordinating high growth school district facilities plans and local government comprehensive plans
- The need for standards to direct local government in determining whether school capacity is adequate
- Funding considerations in meeting school facility needs
- Facility needs of smaller school districts
- Overcrowded conditions in schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 1995 Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2501, which included a provision prohibiting the use of school capacity as the sole basis for approval or denial of development applications, unless the application involves changes to the local government comprehensive plan or land use regulations. Senate Bill 336 eliminates that provision, thus allowing consideration of school capacity in residential development requests.