

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Conger, Doherty, Esquivel, Hoyle, Johnson, Matthews, Kennemer, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Grants the statutory right to an owner or occupant of commercial or industrial property to install xeriscaping on the property's landscaped portions. Specifies that local government may regulate such xeriscaping for stormwater management, preservation of natural habitat or tree canopy or control of invasive species.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose and rationale behind using xeriscaping
- Issues surrounding homeowners' association members utilizing xeriscaping
- Consideration of landscaping choices

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Xeriscaping is a landscaping technique that is focused on conserving or eliminating the need for water by utilizing native plants and drought-tolerant plants. The rationale behind xeriscaping is lowering the consumption of water for maintenance, increasing the amount of water for other domestic and community uses, and decreasing the time and effort necessary for maintaining the landscaping.

Senate Bill 806-A allows owners or occupants to install xeriscaping on their property if the landscape is not needed to comply with local government ordinances related to storm water, natural habitat, or the control of an invasive species.