

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/8, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows owner or occupant of commercial or industrial property to install xeriscaping on landscaped portions of property not otherwise set aside, dedicated or used to comply with local government ordinance, rule or regulation regarding stormwater management, preservation of natural habitat or tree canopy, or control of invasive plant species. Defines xeriscaping. Specifies that local government is not prohibited from enforcing contractual right of local government regarding installation and maintenance of landscaping developed in whole or part with local government funding.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Providing property owners with landscape options that use less water
- What is meant by the word “xeriscaping”
- Local ordinances requiring certain types of plantings on commercial and industrial properties

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Xeriscaping refers to a method of landscape design that minimizes water use. Senate Bill 806 A would allow commercial and industrial property owners to install xeriscaping on their property provided such landscapes are not needed to comply with local government ordinances related to stormwater, natural habitat or control of invasive species.