

SB 1024 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires county to allow siting of accessory dwelling unit in area zoned rural residential. Prohibits county from adopting ordinance that restricts siting of accessory dwelling unit in area zoned rural residential.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Accessory dwelling units are permanent structures that are ancillary to an existing single family dwelling on the same property. Accessory dwellings are designed as independent living quarters from the primary single family dwelling, including permanent cooking, eating, sleeping, and sanitary facilities.

Senate Bill 1024 requires counties to allow the siting of one accessory dwelling unit, in addition to one existing single family dwelling, on parcels in areas zoned rural residential. It also requires accessory dwelling units to comply with state and local building standards for residential units. The measure also preempts counties from adopting or enforcing local laws that restrict accessory dwelling units in rural residential zones.