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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Land and Conservation and Development to convene work group to examine strategies for expanding early learning and care facilities in this state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Legislative Assembly, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis: The measure, with the -1 amendment, directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), in consultation with the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELC), to convene a work group to examine strategies for expanding early learning and care facilities. The work group consists of five representatives from cities and counties, five members who are providers of early learning and care services, representatives from two advocacy or policy-making organizations, and representatives from the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), DLCD, and DELC, along with up to an additional five members. All members must reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the state. The measure has a blank General Fund appropriation and takes effect the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die. The workgroup sunsets January 2, 2025.

DLCD anticipates costs of approximately \$100,000 to contract for a work group facilitator. The agency notes that they do not have in-house expertise on non-land use factors such as building codes and early childhood education. In addition, DLCD intends to provide grants to individuals and organizations participating in the work group; estimated costs of the grants, as well as reimbursements for workgroup members and interpretation services, are estimated at \$115,000 but this amount could change based on work group composition.

Cities and counties do not anticipate a fiscal impact, and DCBS and DELC anticipate a minimal fiscal impact.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.