

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HB-6648

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE RECORDING, INDEXING  
AND SEARCHING OF MUNICIPAL LAND RECORDS AND MAPS.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	188,000	334,100
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	15,400	31,600

Note: GF=General Fund

### ***Municipal Impact:***

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 24 \$</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential Significant	Potential Significant

### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to (1) appoint and convene a commission by January 1, 2024, (2) submit a report to the Planning and Development Committee by June 30, 2024, on the processes, costs, and benefits, of creating and maintaining a publicly accessible online database for land records and maps, and (3) create and maintain the online database by January 1, 2025. This results in a cost to OPM of \$188,000 in FY 24, \$334,100 in FY 25, and annualized costs in the out years of \$134,100. There are also

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

associated fringe benefit costs of \$15,400 in FY 24 and \$31,600 in FY 25 (and annually thereafter) to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Costs to OPM include a full-time research analyst to maintain the database with a 50% phase in cost in FY 24, consultant costs of \$150,000 in FY 24 to perform the study, and \$200,000 in FY 25 to set up the database. Beginning in FY 25, there will be an annual cost of \$60,000 for continued database hosting. Other costs to OPM include \$2,000 in FY 24 and an annualized cost of \$300 for IT-related and technology expenses.

There are also potential costs that may fall onto municipalities or OPM depending on who is responsible for the digitalization of maps. These costs could be potentially significant depending on the number of maps that have not yet been digitalized.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.