

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-6890

## AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES.

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

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

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	71,147	213,441
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	30,465	91,395

Note: GF=General Fund

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

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
All Municipalities	See Below	See Below	See Below

#### ***Explanation***

The bill (1) ties a municipality's priority for certain discretionary state financial assistance to its adoption of zoning regulations to create a transit-oriented district (TOD) and (2) outlines new responsibilities for the Office of Responsible Growth within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). This results in a precluded revenue gain to some municipalities and a potential revenue gain to others beginning in FY 24, a cost of \$71,147 in FY 24 and \$213,441 in FY 25 to OPM, and corresponding fringe benefit costs of \$30,465 in FY 24 and \$91,395 in FY 25 to the Office of the State Comptroller.

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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.

Any fiscal impact to municipalities as a result of this bill will be dependent on their status as a qualifying transit community. Municipalities with qualifying transit communities will be prioritized in receiving discretionary infrastructure spending and may have a potential revenue gain. Failure to be prioritized for discretionary infrastructure spending will result in precluded revenue gain for certain municipalities beginning in FY 24.

The bill outlines additional responsibilities for the Office of Responsible Growth in OPM. This results in a cost of \$71,147 for one additional position in FY 24 and a cost of \$213,441 for two additional positions in FY 25 (for a total of three new positions in FY 25) to OPM and associated fringe costs to the Office of the State Comptroller.

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

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