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AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES. AMENDMENT

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The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment: (1) requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to determine if transit-oriented communities (TOCs) are compliant with certain requirements and meet the restrictions on reasonable size, (2) requires OPM to adopt guidelines regarding the development of housing in a TOC, and (3) allows OPM to establish a grant program for regional councils of government for certain transit-related infrastructure. The magnitude and timing of the potential cost is dependent on the amount of funding made available, if any.

This results in a potential cost to OPM beginning in FY 25 to the extent one additional staff or a consultant is necessary to determine if a municipality is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment and develop guidelines regarding housing within a TOC. There is also a potential cost to OPM to provide grants to regional councils of governments for transit-related infrastructure.

The amendment also: (1) permits municipalities to apply to OPM to be deemed compliant with the TOC requirements, (2) establishes the requirements for TOCs, (2) requires the communities to be prioritized for discretionary infrastructure funding, and (3) makes TOCs that adopt

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additional zoning criteria eligible for additional funding that OPM administers.¹ This may result in a potential revenue gain to various municipalities beginning in FY 25 to the extent they qualify for, or are prioritized for, discretionary infrastructure funding as a result of TOCs. To the extent municipalities are not compliant with the housing requirements within a TOC, the municipality may be required the return discretionary infrastructure funding if it was received as a result of the provisions within this amendment.

Municipalities that adopt a resolution stating they intend to enact zoning regulations that would qualify them for a TOC may still be prioritized for discretionary infrastructure funding. This may result in a potential revenue gain beginning in FY 25 to the extent that municipalities adopt this resolution.

The amendment also requires developments with ten or more units located within a TOC to either deed restrict a percentage of the units for a certain time period or make payments to an affordable housing development fund established by the TOC. This results in a potential revenue gain to municipalities beginning in FY 25 to the extent developers choose to make payments to the fund. These funds must be used to develop affordable housing within the municipality.

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¹ Discretionary infrastructure funding includes, but is not limited to, any source of funding that a state agency administers through a competitive process. This may include: the Urban Action Program and Small Town Economic Assistance Program.