

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LOCAL BILL STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1563 w/CS Broward County/Local Governments
SPONSOR(S): Gottlieb
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Local Affairs (Sub)</u>	<u>8 Y, 0 N</u>	<u>Grayson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
2) <u>Local Government & Veterans' Affairs</u>	<u>14 Y, 0 N w/CS</u>	<u>Grayson</u>	<u>Highsmith-Smith</u>
3) <u>Finance & Tax</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

This bill provides that Broward County local governments may grant an exemption from impact fees from the concurrency requirements for certain transportation facilities under certain circumstances.

According to the Economic Impact Statement (EIS), the bill does not appear to have any negative impact on local or state budgets. The EIS also indicates that there should be no significant impact on county revenues and may result in a net increase in revenues to the county since the county has historically paid transportation impact fees on behalf of Nova Southeastern University when requested; and significant increases in ad valorem revenues to the county in FY 2004 and 2005.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill provides that Broward County local governments may grant an exemption from impact fees for transportation facilities if a major public or private postsecondary institution of higher learning has an interest or an option to obtain an interest of more than 25 percent in the proposed development which is;

- otherwise consistent with the local comprehensive plan;
- is a project located within a Regional Activity Center as described in the Broward County Comprehensive Plan; and
- within an area that contains major public and private postsecondary institutions of higher learning.

This bill is a supplement to legislation passed by the 2003 Legislature explained below. It augments that law by providing Broward County local governments with the discretion to grant exceptions from transportation impact fees and exactions and exemptions from impact fees for transportation facilities under certain circumstances.

Background

The 2001 Legislature enacted ch. 2001-289, L.O.F., which provides that Broward County local governments may grant an exception from the concurrency requirement for certain transportation facilities if the proposed development is otherwise consistent with the adopted local comprehensive plan, and which is:

- a project that promotes public transportation,;
- located within a Regional Activity Center as described in the Broward County Comprehensive Plan; and
- within an area that contains major public and private postsecondary institutions of higher learning.

The local government must also have considered the proposed development's impact on the Florida Intrastate Highway System.

Current Law - Section 163.3180(5)(b), F.S.

A local government may grant an exception from the concurrency requirement for transportation facilities if the proposed development is otherwise consistent with the adopted local government comprehensive plan and is a project that promotes public transportation or is located within an area designated in the comprehensive plan for:

1. Urban infill development,
2. Urban redevelopment,
3. Downtown revitalization, or
4. Urban infill and redevelopment under s. 163.2517.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends ch. 2001-289, L.O.F., to provide Broward County local governments the discretion to grant an exemption from impact fees for transportation facilities under certain circumstances.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

January 29, 2003

WHERE?

Sun-Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Broward County.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Drafting Issues

There do not appear to be any technical drafting issues.

Other Comments

According to the Economic Impact Statement, certain anticipated advantages and disadvantages may result from the enactment of this bill.

Advantages:

A study conducted by a professional planner (attached) projects that the economic impact of exempting from concurrency, educational projects in a regional activity center, would result in an increase in ad valorem revenues of \$42.5 million if maximum buildout was achieved. This analysis is predicated on current millage rates and would equate to almost \$12.5 million going to Broward County, \$10 million going to the Town of Davie, and more than \$14.8 million going to Broward County Schools.

In addition to the direct and indirect increase of jobs in the area (through construction and the addition of new centers of employment), Nova Southeastern University's existing economic contributions to the county are significant. NSU has analyzed its economic impact for the year 2000 and has determined that in both direct and indirect contribution it contributes a total of \$720 million to the economy and provides more than 3,000 jobs in the county.

Finally, with more than 65,000 people being drawn into the South Florida Education Center on a daily basis, the development of alternate modes of transportation will significantly reduce the reliance on automobiles, limiting the reliance on highways and major roadways, and providing a positive impact on the environment.

Disadvantages:

Loss of transportation impact fees to Broward County for certain projects involving Nova Southeastern University.

IV. AMENDMENT/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

The Local Affairs Subcommittee, at its meeting on March 27, 2003, recommended favorably on one amendment. The amendment removes the authority to grant an exception from transportation impact fees and exactions as provided for in the bill as filed.

The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs, at its meeting on April 1, 2003, adopted one amendment that removed the discretionary authority to grant an exception from transportation impact fees and exactions from the concurrency requirements under certain circumstances.