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CHAMBER ACTION

The Fiscal Council recommends the following:

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Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to impact fees; creating s. 163.31801, F.S.; creating the "Florida Impact Fee Act"; providing legislative intent; requiring that an impact fee meet specified requirements; requiring certain audits to include a report on compliance with laws relating to impact fees; requiring local governments imposing impact fees to provide certain revenue credits; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 163.31801, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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163.31801 Impact fees; short title; intent; minimum
requirements; audits; credits.--

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(1) SHORT TITLE.--This section may be cited as the "Florida Impact Fee Act."

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(2) FINDINGS AND INTENT.--The Legislature finds that impact fees are an important source of revenue for local governments to fund the infrastructure necessitated by new growth. The Legislature further finds that impact fees are an outgrowth of local governments' home rule powers to provide certain services within their jurisdictions. Due to the growth of impact fee collections and local governments' reliance on impact fees to fund infrastructure necessitated by new growth, it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure that when a county or municipality enacts an impact fee by ordinance, or a special district enacts an impact fee by resolution, the governing authority complies with this section.

- (3) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.--An impact fee ordinance or resolution must:
- (a) Premise its impact fee calculations upon the most recent and localized data.
- (b) Significantly address affordable housing by either waiving, exempting, deferring, or paying impact fees for affordable housing units out of another revenue source or establishing a significant affordable housing program.
- (c) Provide for accounting and reporting of impact fee collections and expenditures. Specifically, each local governmental entity that imposes an impact fee to address infrastructure needs shall account for the revenues and expenditures of each impact fee within a separate accounting fund.
- (d) Limit administrative charges for impact fee collections to actual cost.

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(e) Provide notice of not less than 90 days before the effective date of a new impact fee ordinance or resolution or an amendment to an existing impact fee ordinance or resolution.

- (4) AUDITS.--Certified public accountants conducting audits of local governmental entities and district school boards shall report, as part of the audit, whether or not the local governmental entity or district school board has complied with this section and local laws pertaining to impact fees.
- (5) REVENUE CREDITS.--A local government imposing an impact fee shall also provide a credit for all taxes or other payments of any kind through state, federal, or other revenues anticipated to be expended to construct capital outlay projects of the same type for which the impact fee is imposed.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.