



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7153

House of Representatives, April 5, 2007

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. FELTMAN of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PURCHASES OF LAND BY THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Each state agency,
2 department, institution or constituent unit of higher education, when
3 determining to purchase real property for more than fifty thousand
4 dollars shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in
5 which such property is located and the regional planning organization
6 operating in the planning region, designated by the Secretary of the
7 Office of Policy and Management under section 16a-4a of the general
8 statutes, in which such property is located of the determination to
9 purchase. Such notice shall be made by certified mail, return receipt
10 requested, not later than sixty days before any such purchase. The
11 chief executive officer and the regional planning organization may
12 review such determination and submit comments to the agency,
13 department, institution or constituent unit not more than thirty days
14 after receipt of the notice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The section was rephrased for clarity.

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	None	None	None

Explanation

It is anticipated that state entities can notify the town and regional planning organization when deciding to purchase real property for more than \$50,000, within each agencies normal budgetary resources. There is no cost to the municipalities.

The Out Years

None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING PURCHASES OF LAND BY THE STATE.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires state entities to notify the town and the regional planning organization (RPO) when determining to purchase real property for more than \$50,000 within their boundaries. The entity must send a notice to the chief executive officer (CEO) of the town where the property is located and the RPO operating in the state-designated planning region where the town is located. It must send the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least 60 days before purchasing the property.

The notification requirement applies to state agencies, departments, institutions, and the constituent units of higher education. The CEO and the RPO may review the proposed purchase and submit comments to the state entity no later than 30 days after receiving its notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

BACKGROUND

RPOs

Towns can form three types of RPOs in the 17 state-designated planning regions: regional councils of government (RCOGs), regional planning agencies (RPAs), and regional councils of elected officials (RCEOs). The statutes specify the process for establishing these organizations, their powers and duties, and governing structures. A region may have an RPA and an RCEO, but it can have neither if it chooses the RCOG, which exercises the powers and duties of the other two types.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/19/2007)