



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 261

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House Bill No. 6913

House of Representatives, March 28, 2017

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. PORTER of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) No legislative body of a
2 municipality shall vote to approve any new municipal construction
3 project for which the estimated cost is greater than twenty-five million
4 dollars unless there has been opportunity for public comment on such
5 project at a properly noticed public hearing in such municipality prior
6 to such vote.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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LAB Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 18 \$	FY 19 \$
All Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

There is a minimal cost to municipalities associated with the bill, which requires them to hold public hearings on construction projects with a value greater than \$25 million. The cost will vary based on the number of public hearings held. A single public hearing is estimated to be less than \$1,000, associated with posting notices in newspapers and with police overtime to provide security at such public hearings.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of public hearings held.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6913*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a municipality's legislative body from approving any new municipal construction project estimated to cost more than \$25 million without first allowing for public comment on the project at a properly noticed public hearing in the municipality. The bill does not specify deadlines for posting notice of the hearing. Additionally, it is unclear whether the bill's requirement applies to municipalities with conflicting procedures established in their special acts, charters, or ordinances (see COMMENT).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

COMMENT***Conflicting Municipal Approval Procedures***

It is unclear whether the bill applies to municipalities with special acts, charters, or ordinances that establish large construction project approval procedures that do not include approval by a municipal legislative body (e.g., referendums).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/09/2017)