
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6185

AN ACT EXPANDING THE REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the types of projects eligible for regional performance incentive (RPI) program grants to explicitly include joint regional marketing and economic development.

By law, the RPI program provides competitive grants for voluntary inter-municipal or regional shared services projects with the potential to produce measurable “economies of scale,” provide public services, and lower the costs and tax burdens associated with providing such services. The Office of Policy and Management administers the program, which is open to regional councils of governments (COGs), two or more municipalities acting through a COG, economic development districts, regional educational service centers, and any combination of these entities. It is funded by a portion of room occupancy and rental car tax revenue diverted to the regional planning incentive account. (The revenue diversion was suspended for FYs 18 and 19, but is scheduled to resume in FY 20.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)