OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5886

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN TREES.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the types of municipal projects that may be paid for with Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) grants to include certain tree work. Specifically, the bill authorizes municipalities to use LoCIP grants to remove hazardous trees or trim “non-utility” related hazardous branches, limbs, and trees on municipal property or within the municipal right-of-way.

Under the LoCIP, municipalities must apply to the Office of Policy and Management in order to access formula-based entitlement grants that may be used for various specified capital projects, including improvements to roads and sidewalks, building security systems, and public parks; open space acquisition; and technology upgrades (CGS § 7-535 et seq.).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22  Nay 0  (03/15/2019)