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## OLR Bill Analysis

### HB 7034

#### ***AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REQUIREMENT OF A DONATION OF LAND AS A CONDITION OF SUBDIVISION APPROVAL.***

#### **SUMMARY**

Under state law, local planning commissions may adopt subdivision regulations that generally require developer-applicants to dedicate part of the subdivision to open space, parks, or playgrounds. This bill eliminates provisions that currently allow commissions to adopt regulations authorizing the developer to pay a fee to the municipality, or pay a fee and transfer land, instead of providing the required open space.

It also prohibits commissions from requiring developers to transfer land to the municipality as a condition of subdivision approval, regardless of any conflicting special act or municipal charter or ordinance.

The bill makes conforming changes by, among other things:

1. eliminating provisions on calculating the payment in lieu of open space, and
2. repealing a law that requires municipalities to keep these payments in a fund that is used for open space, recreational, or agricultural purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18    Nay 0    (03/06/2025)