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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5897
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING STATE, REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL LAND USE PLANNING"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Environment

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5897

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Cost, Within Budgetary Resources, Potential Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Future Minimal Cost, Can be Absorbed, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Office of Policy and Management, Department of Environmental Protection, Various Agencies

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of the bill requires the secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to establish a committee to advise and comment on the State Plan of Conservation and Development. Additionally, the secretary must hold at least one workshop for the committee to explain plan revisions. It is anticipated that the cost associated with those responsibilities would be minimal and could be handled with existing resources.

The bill also permits OPM to review local plans, regulations and proposed capital projects for consistency. This significantly broadens OPM's current oversight and review functions. The agency has indicated that additional staff would be required to adequately undertake these functions.

The bill specifies that certain actions by state agencies must be consistent with the State Plan of Conservation and Development and with certified municipal plans and regulations. This will necessitate additional review work by state agencies, notably the Department of Environmental Protection. Depending on the level of activity, additional staff may be required.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT:

Beginning 7/1/92, the bill requires new and revised municipal land use plans and regulations to be consistent with the State plan. Beginning on this same date, municipal land use regulatory agencies must take the State Plan into account before granting approvals under the zoning, planning, wetlands, coastal management, and other land use laws. At this time it is anticipated that the municipal cost of compliance would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.