

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: HB 1737

SPONSOR: Fiscal Responsibility Council

SUBJECT: Growth Management

DATE: April 30, 2001 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Hayes	Wood	AP	Favorable
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

The bill changes the requirements, specifications and procedural rules for publishing a notice of intent in a local newspaper to find that a comprehensive plan or plan amendment is in compliance or not in compliance. The bill also redefines what the state land planning agency shall include in the publication of notices for the plan or plan amendment.

The bill allows a reduction of \$55,000 in recurring General Revenue in the Department of Community Affairs.

II. Present Situation:

Pursuant to subsection 163.3181(8), F.S., the Department of Community Affairs (Department) is required to publish its notice of intent in a local newspaper to find that a local comprehensive plan or plan amendment is in compliance or not in compliance with state law and rules. The notice shall not be published in the legal and classified advertisement portion of the newspaper with column width and height requirements. The advertisement should not be placed in the portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The proposed change would allow the Department to publish its notice of intent in the legal and classified advertisement portion of the newspaper and remove the column width and height restrictions. However, to ensure better citizen notification, the Department would publish its notice of intent on the Department's website and send a letter to citizens that participated in the local government hearing to inform them of our compliance determination.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. Other Constitutional Issues:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Department is currently spending \$170,000/year in General Revenue to publish its notice of intent in newspapers. The Department estimates that the proposed changes will reduce these publishing costs. The bill permits a decrease in expense authority in the amount of \$55,000 in fiscal year 2001-2002.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
