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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action: W/ SEN FLOOR AMD
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.: REVISED

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Subject: Posting regulatory activities on the Internet

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Requires New Orleans Dept. of Safety and Permits to make permits and other information available on the Internet

Purpose of Bill: To require the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits (including the Board of Building Standards and Appeals) to make certain information pertaining to the regulatory activities of the department available upon written request to the public on the Internet within three business days after the decision. If the posting is not made timely, no appeal delays can be made until the posting is made. The cost of posting any information shall be paid by the person making the written request. Appeals to the board of adjustment may be taken by any person with a direct pecuniary (financial) interest aggrieved or by any officer, department, board, or bureau of the municipality affected by any decision of the administrative officer.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in local fund expenditures as a result of this measure.

When we initially contacted the New Orleans Department of Safety and Permits, they estimated that they would not incur any additional cost because the Department already makes similar information available at www.nola.gov/onestop. The Department noted that formally requested zoning verifications are shown online. However, not every determination made in the course of permitting or licensing activities is shown as a separate or unique case online.

Recently, the Department informed us that there may be an increase in local fund expenditures for salaries and related benefits to accomplish the posting of information required by this measure (an increase of \$46,000 annually for one full time employee was estimated by the Department).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in local fund revenues as a result of this measure.

There may be an increase in local fund revenues to the extent that persons making these written requests pay the costs of fulfilling the requests. The amount is indeterminable at this time.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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