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## Local Government Committee

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### HB 1802

**Brief Description:** Concerning optional methods of financing long-range planning costs.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Fitzgibbon, Takko and Springer.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds long-range planning to the list of items for which a county, city, town, or municipal corporation may collect reasonable fees from an applicant for a permit or other governmental approval.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 1/13/16

**Staff:** Cassie Jones (786-7303).

**Background:**

In general, counties, cities, towns, and other municipal corporations may not impose taxes, fees, or other charges on the construction or reconstruction of residential buildings, commercial buildings, or industrial buildings. This prohibition also applies to the development, subdivision, classification, or reclassification of land.

There are some exceptions to this general prohibition on taxes, fees, and charges related to construction and land division. For example, impact fees may be assessed by jurisdictions that are fully planning under the Growth Management Act. In addition, counties, cities, towns, and municipal corporations may collect reasonable fees from an applicant for permit or other governmental approval to cover the cost to the jurisdiction of processing applications, inspecting and reviewing plans, and preparing detailed statements required by the State Environmental Policy Act.

**Summary of Bill:**

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Counties, cities, towns, and municipal corporations may collect reasonable fees from an applicant for a permit or other governmental approval to cover the cost to the jurisdiction of long-range planning.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.