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Bill Title: Relating to Land Use Board of Appeals fees.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Land Use Board of Appeals

## **Summary of Fiscal Impact**

There is minimal fiscal impact for the Land Use Board of Appeals - see explanatory analysis.

## **Measure Description**

The measure increases filing fees for land use appeals and interventions before the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). The measure increases the fee to intervene from \$100 to \$200 and increases the fee for filing an appeal from \$300 to \$350. Additionally, the measure removes language that previously required LUBA to award the filing fee to the local government, special district, or state agency if a petition for review was not filed.

## **Fiscal Analysis**

LUBA is primarily funded by General Fund, with a small amount of Other Funds from royalties on final decisions and orders, as well as fees for public record requests. Filing fees for appeals and intervenors, collected by the Board, are transferred to the General Fund and not retained for agency operations.

For the 2025-27 biennium, based on an estimated 220 appeals and 165 intervenors, the agency anticipates an increase of \$20,650 in fee revenue. However, the actual increase will depend on the number of appeals and interventions filed. Filing fees were last raised in 2021 from \$200 to \$300, while the intervenor fee has remained unchanged since its establishment in 2009.

Removing the requirement for LUBA to award the filing fee to the respondent when a petition for review is not filed, is expected to have a minimal fiscal impact, as these awards are funded by General Fund.

## **Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.