

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6264
BILL NUMBER: SB 54

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 17, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Zoning Overlay Districts for Solar Projects.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Brown L
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that after December 31, 2025, a permit authority may not establish in a unit a zoning overlay district in which one or more commercial solar energy projects (CSE projects) will be located unless each underlying zoning district across which the proposed overlay district will extend is zoned for a use that, under the unit's existing zoning ordinance at the time the overlay district is proposed, permits the location of a CSE project within that underlying district. It provides that if one or more underlying zoning districts across which the proposed overlay district will extend is not zoned for a use that permits the location of a CSE project within that underlying district, each such underlying zoning district, or part of the zoning district, must be rezoned for a use that permits the location of a CSE project within all or part of the underlying zoning district.

Effective Date: January 1, 2026 (retroactive).

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill's provisions may increase the workload for county and municipal planning and zoning commissions or boards should a county or municipality need to revise and re-adopt its zoning ordinances to bring them into compliance with this bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County and Municipal Planning & Zoning Commissions or Boards.

Information Sources:

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