

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6828
BILL NUMBER: SB 228

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2026
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Midwest Continental Divide Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Niezgodski
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Teshka

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill makes the following changes to the law regarding the Midwest Continental Divide Commission (MCDC):

- (1) It amends the definition of a "land use and zoning plan" (plan) to provide that it is a plan and not an overlay district.
- (2) It also requires the commission to consider any change or variance in zoning to be consistent with the plan that is:
 - (A) inconsistent with the plan; and
 - (B) not more than 1/2 mile from a trail project approved by the commission and the eligible county or city.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill's provisions may result in a minor workload increase for the MCDC to approve zoning changes and should be able to be implemented with existing resources.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Midwest Continental Divide Commission; county and municipal zoning boards.

Information Sources:

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