

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 3731 Introduced on January 15, 2025

Subject: State Finances

Requestor: House Ways and Means

RFA Analyst(s): Vesely

Impact Date: March 12, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would repeal the sunset clause of Act 201 of 2024 concerning the authority of special purpose districts to take actions related to owning property. In effect, this bill would allow eligible special purpose districts to own, acquire, sell, or otherwise interact with property for the purposes of their duties permanently instead of sunsetting June 30, 2027. The provisions apply to special purpose districts created by or pursuant to an act of the General Assembly or created by special legislation or referenda before March 7, 1973.

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) contacted all special purpose districts in South Carolina that register contact information with the Secretary of State's Office and all counties for the potential impact of this bill. Florence County responded that this bill should have no impact on county government. Four special purpose districts indicated that there would be no impact on their districts. This bill may impact local expenditures and revenues after June 30, 2027, by permanently allowing certain special purpose districts to own and sell property, but the impact is undetermined based on the responses received.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 15, 2025 State Expenditure N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

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