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House Bill 4799 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Tony Stamas

House Committee: Local Government and Urban Policy

Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Home Rule City Act to allow a city, in order to protect the public health, to adopt an ordinance to provide for the separation of storm water drainage and footing drains from sanitary sewers on privately owned property. The city's legislative body could determine that the sewer separation authorized was for a public purpose and was a public improvement.

The legislative body also could determine that all or any part of the expense of these public improvements could be defrayed by special assessment upon lands benefitted by the public improvement or by any other lawful charge. A special assessment authorized under the bill would have to be considered to benefit only lands where the separation of storm water drainage and footing drains from sanitary sewers occurred.

Proposed MCL 117.5j

Legislative Analyst: Nobuko Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. The fiscal impact on local units is indeterminate and the net impact would likely be minimal. The bill would increase the purposes for which a city may make expenditures. The bill also would allow a city to fund all or part of those expenditures through special assessments. As a result, some cities could see increased expenditures. These increased expenditures could be funded through reductions in existing services, through existing tax and revenue sources and authority, or through increased taxes. If a city were to fund the expenditures completely with a special assessment, there would be no net fiscal impact on the city, although residents would experience a greater level of both services and taxes.

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