

Fiscal Analysis

ACT 51 OF 1951 – CONTEXT-SENSITIVE DESIGN



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 5107 As Introduced**, Rep. Ruth A. Johnson

House Committee Land Use and Environment

Analysis

Summary

House Bill 5107 would amend Section 1c of Public Act 51 of 1951 (MCL 247.651c) to direct that the state transportation department to “consider the use of context-sensitive design in undertaking the opening, widening, improving, including construction and reconstruction, of all state trunkline highways”.

The bill would also direct the department to consider the input of affected counties regarding the use of context-sensitive design, and would provide a definition of "context-sensitive design" as “a process designed to develop a transportation project so that it is in harmony with its environment and preserves community, scenic, aesthetic, historic, and natural resources while maintaining safety and mobility”.

Additional information on context-sensitive design principles can be found on the Federal Highway Administration website shown below.
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/csd/basic.htm>

Fiscal Impact

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government

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