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House Bill 5855 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Fred Miller House Committee: Commerce

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CONTENT

The bill would create the "Local Government Filming Location Access Act" to allow, except as provided below, a local unit of government to authorize a person engaged in the production of a film in Michigan to use, without charge, property owned by or under the control of the local unit for the purpose of producing a film under terms and conditions established by the local unit. The economic and other benefits to the local unit and the State of film production located in the local unit or this State would be considered the value received by the local unit and the State in exchange for the use of the property owned or occupied by the local unit. A local unit would have to cooperate with the Michigan Film Office by giving it information about potential film locations within the local unit and the use of property it owned or controlled.

A local unit could not authorize the use of property it owned or controlled for the production of a film that included obscene matter or an obscene performance or that required individually identifiable records to be created and maintained for every performer as provided in 18 USC 2257. (That Federal provision requires anyone who produces a film, videotape, or other matter containing visual depictions of actual sexual conduct, that is produced for interstate or foreign shipment or transportation, to create and maintain individually identifiable records pertaining to every performer portrayed in the visual depiction.)

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would affect local expenditures to the extent that use of local unit property for film production would require additional expenditures on the part of the local unit, such as expenditures to relocate employees from a work area temporarily, changes in employees work hours, or additional maintenance and/or repair due to use of local unit property for a film production. Similarly, the bill could affect the timing of local unit revenue collections to the extent that use of local unit facilities for film production interfered with activities that result in the collection of revenue, such as operation of a registrar branch office or processing property tax collections. Otherwise, the bill would have no impact on local unit revenue.

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