

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1761 - HB 1850

March 14, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits local governments from adopting and enforcing regulations to prohibit gardening and raising limited numbers of chickens or rabbits at single-family residences. Authorizes local governments to impose reasonable regulations on such activities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- It is not known if any local governments currently prohibit gardening or the raising of chickens or rabbits at single-family residences. Any such regulation would be void upon passage of the proposed legislation.
- Local governments that prohibit or regulate such activities beyond the minimum regulations authorized by the act will repeal or amend those regulations and adopt new ones; any vote will occur during a regularly scheduled meeting of the local legislative body, resulting in no significant increase in local expenditures.
- The number of single-family residences that may choose to keep animals and grow gardens is unknown; however, local governments may see an increase in interest upon local regulations becoming void.
- Local governments may incur an increase in expenditures for inspections and enforcing regulations.
- However, it is assumed that any increase in expenditures would be offset by fees and penalties for residents; the net impact to local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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