

Subject Local Permitting of Residential Solar Projects

Authors Carroll

Analyst Bob Eleff

Date April 1, 2024

Summary

House File 5171, as amended by the H5171A1 amendment, establishes a program in the Department of Commerce to provide financial incentives to local permitting authorities to deploy federally developed software that automates and streamlines the permit reviewing and issuing process for residential solar projects. Incentives may range from \$5,000 to \$20,000, depending on the number of permits awarded by the local permitting authority, whether the software is integrated with other permit management software, and whether the permitting authority participates in other energy/environmental sustainability programs open to it. The bill requires the Department of Commerce to provide technical assistance to permitting authorities applying for incentives under this section.