

Council Bill 59-2026 Fiscal Analysis

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Legislative Intent: CB59-2026 temporarily pauses the issuance of certain development plan approvals and building permits for solar energy facilities and directs the Administration to engage with relevant State and local agencies regarding the [Renewable Energy Certainty Act \(HB1036\)](#). HB1036 has preempted some of the County's authority and control over zoning, approval process, and regulation for solar energy facility projects.

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

Revenues:

CB59-2026 may temporarily reduce or defer revenues associated with development plan review, building permits, inspections, and other development-related fees for solar energy facilities.

The fiscal effect will depend on:

- The number of solar projects currently under approval during the prohibition;
- The applicable development and building permit fees;
- The size and estimated construction value of affected projects;
- Whether affected projects proceed after the prohibition expires.

Most of these revenues would potentially be deferred rather than permanently eliminated,

Budget Implications:

We have recently asked the Administration to provide the total number and a list of solar projects that are currently in the pipeline that would be impacted by this moratorium, as well as the amount of associated fees that will be placed on hold. We are awaiting information as of September 17, 2026.

Other Notes:

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