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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/27/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** HB85 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Cates **Agency Name and Code:** Municipal League (ML)  
**Short Title:** Prohibiting Nonfunctional Turf Installation **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Recurring	Municipalities

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

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HB85 prevents the installation of nonfunctional turf on state-owned or state-funded property after January 1, 2027 and prevents the use of water other than recycled or reclaimed to irrigate nonfunctional turf after January 1, 2032.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

While the bill has no direct fiscal impact through FY27, some municipalities may have to upgrade water treatment systems in order to be able to treat wastewater for irrigation purposes, and would likely have to begin upgrades prior to the bill taking effect. Without further analysis, it is unclear what specific costs would be, but costs could potentially be significant on a relative basis for smaller municipalities.

It is also not clear how many municipal properties would fall into the category of “state-funded” properties, but since some municipal properties are funded partially by capital outlay, the bill would likely impact a significant number of municipal properties.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB85 may infringe on local authority and governance by stipulating certain municipal requirements related to landscaping and municipal water and wastewater use. The Municipal League opposes preemption of local control, since local governments may be restricted in their ability to enact ordinances to fit their unique needs.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

## **ALTERNATIVES**

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

## **AMENDMENTS**