

**SF1063 - 0 - Common Interest Community Ombudsperson Established**

Chief Author: **John Marty**  
 Committee: **Commerce And Consumer Protection**  
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 Lead Agency: **Commerce Dept**  
 Other Agencies:  
     Governors Office

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

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State Cost (Savings)		Biennium		Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Commerce Dept					
General Fund	-	343	343	343	343
Governors Office	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
State Total					
General Fund	-	343	343	343	343
Total	-	343	343	343	343
Biennial Total			686		686

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Commerce Dept					
General Fund	-	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Governors Office	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75

**Lead LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>686</b>		<b>686</b>	
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
<b>Commerce Dept</b>						
General Fund	-	343	343	343	343	343
<b>Governors Office</b>						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures	-	1	-	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs	-	(1)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>686</b>		<b>686</b>	
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Commerce Dept</b>						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Governors Office</b>						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-		-	-

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**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>343</b>
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<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>					
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>

**Bill Description**

This bill seeks to create a Common Interest Community Ombudsperson in the Department of Commerce. The Ombudsperson would be tasked with advocating on behalf of unit owners and facilitate resolution of disputes between unit owners and associations. The Ombudsperson would also be responsible for educating unit owners about their rights under the law.

**Assumptions**

The bill prohibits the Ombudsperson from rendering a legal opinion, but is tasked with resolving the dispute. Commerce does not have anyone employed in this capacity and would require a new hire who has experience in this area. In supporting the work of the Ombudsperson, the legal department would need to support the extensive legal structure behind the duties of the Ombudsperson. This would be a new process for Commerce and the legal implications need to be considered as the program rolls out. Due to the nature of the work of the Ombudsperson, there will be significant ongoing legal support needs. Commerce does get a notable amount of complaints in this area that we have to refer to other places. Based on this, Commerce assumes there would be numerous people requesting the help of the Ombudsperson.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

1 FTE: (Ombudsperson State Program Administrative Coordinator)

.5 FTE: (Attorney)

.25 FTE: (Communications/Outreach Information Officer 2)

		<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>FY29</b>
Salary		208,284	208,284	208,284	208,284
Fringe		62,485	62,485	62,485	62,485
Other Personnel Related Costs		72,663	72,663	72,663	72,663
		343,432	343,432	343,432	343,432

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### **Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

These costs would be ongoing.

### **Local Fiscal Impact**

### **References/Sources**

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Biennial Total				-	-

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General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

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General Fund		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				-		-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
General Fund						
Expenditures		-	1	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs		-	(1)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				-		-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
General Fund						
<b>Total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>				-		-

**Bill Description**

Relates to common interest communities; creates a common interest community ombudsperson; classifies certain data; appropriates money for the Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsperson; proposes coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 45.

**Assumptions**

The legal and appointments team will prepare the appointment of an Ombudsperson required under this bill as part of their regular appointments work.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

The Governor's Office will absorb the costs of this work.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations****Local Fiscal Impact****References/Sources**

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