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### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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#### **RHB – 5285: AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE CENTER FOR LAND USE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

**SUMMARY:** RHB-5285 would provide additional funding for the Center for Land Use Education and Research.

**ANALYSIS:** As clearly shown by the report prepared by the Office of Policy and Management in response to PA 05-3 (June Special Session), CLEAR provides a significant portion of the training, data, and analysis available to local land use staff and commissions. Enhancing the ability of this Center to provide these services will help address what many have identified as a significant need of municipalities, regions, and the State to improve planning.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This bill will have a fiscal impact on the State in the additional amount of funding provided.

**CCAPA POSITION:** CCAPA strongly supports RHB-5285 to strengthen the Center for Land Use Education and Research and we will be pleased to work with the Center, OPM, and the Planning and Development Committee to identify and address other opportunities for improving training and education opportunities for municipalities, RPAs, and the State to improve planning and land use regulatory services.