



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0833 Introduced on January 9, 2018  
**Author:** Goldfinch  
**Subject:** County Government  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Heineman  
**Impact Date:** February 15, 2018

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will may increase local expenditures by a county, but it also allows a county to recoup any increased costs from the property owner.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced January 9, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

N/A

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

This bill amends current law by adding that county governments are authorized to adopt ordinances stating that owners of a lot or property in the county, whether residential or commercial, shall keep that lot or property clean and free of rubbish, debris, and other unhealthy and unsightly material or conditions that constitute a public nuisance. Exemptions to this ordinance would include farmland, land used for the production of food, fiber, or other agricultural products, and archaeological resources to include artifacts, relics, burial objects, or material remains of past human life.

In addition, this bill authorizes county governments to provide by ordinance notification to the owner of conditions on a lot or property that need correction and require that the owner take action as necessary to correct the conditions. This bill also allows counties by ordinance to

provide the terms and conditions under which an employee of the county or a person employed for that purpose may go on the property to correct the conditions of a lot or property and provide that not more than the actual cost of these corrections becomes a lien upon the real estate and is collectable as a county tax.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted twenty three counties regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Horry County indicates that tasks assigned to the county by this bill can be absorbed within existing resources, and there will be no expenditure impact. No other county responses were received. While RFA only received one response, we expect that implementing this bill will not have a significant net impact on county budgets, and any expenses for clean-up can be recovered from the property owner.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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