

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB994</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FullPCS1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>8047</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

The PCS1 to SB 994 provides definitions for the terms “abandoned property”, “blighted property”, and “public use” as those terms are used in eminent domain proceedings. The measure prohibits private property from being taken or damaged unless the taking or damage is necessary for a public use and with just compensation. The measure states that a public purpose or public benefit of economic development, including an increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment or general economic health, does not constitute a public use. The measure requires the courts to strictly construe eminent domain statutes in favor of the property owner. Additionally, the measure prohibits a governmental body subordinate to the state from exercising, create, extend or expand a power of eminent domain without statutory authority.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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**Other Considerations**

None.