

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3968</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Please see previous summary of this measure</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 3968, as introduced, further defines *public use* for eminent domain. Public use includes land held for purposes such as highways, roads, easements, public buildings, cemeteries, parks, as well as land used by public utilities or private entities legally empowered to exercise eminent domain for services benefiting the public.

Private property cannot be taken or damaged unless it is necessary for a public use and just compensation is provided. Economic development is not considered a public use, and local governments are prohibited from expanding eminent domain powers or redefining public use.

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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.