

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **ASSEMBLY, No. 4275**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4275 ACS.

As reported, the bill requires the New Jersey Innovation Authority and the Office of Information Technology to jointly develop and maintain an online Statewide tracking system, called the New Jersey Permitting Dashboard, or “dashboard”, for certain permits issued by principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government, and any agencies, commissions, boards, bureaus, offices, or instrumentalities within or created by the principal departments, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or agency. The dashboard is to improve accountability and reduce delays within the State permitting process. It is to include permits designated as appropriate under the sole discretion of the New Jersey Innovation Authority and the Office of Information Technology. This may include those permits issued in connection with construction; manufacturing; energy generation, transmission, or distribution; real estate development; operation of a business; or the provision of goods or services by a principal department in the Executive Branch of State government or agency of the State. Excluded are professional and occupational licenses or any certifications or authorizations issued by any professional or occupational licensing board established under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

Under the bill, the dashboard is to be an interactive, online portal that displays the status and progress of State permit applications for active projects in the State of New Jersey and allows for the tracking of permit applications by permit applicants, State departments, and the public. The dashboard is to also display information in a manner consistent with all applicable federal and State laws and regulations.

All principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government, and any agencies, commissions, boards, bureaus, offices, or instrumentalities within or created by the principal departments, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality, or

agency that issue permits or contribute to permitting processes are to cooperate fully with the New Jersey Innovation Authority and the Office of Information Technology to support the dashboard, to the extent that available resources will permit. Cooperation includes submission of timely data as requested.

The Office of Information Technology is responsible for providing the enterprise platform for any application and permit data necessary for the dashboard. At the discretion of the Office of Information Technology and the New Jersey Innovation Authority, county and municipal governments may also be encouraged to participate in the submission of data, materials, and process updates related to the dashboard.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will result in an annual indeterminate State expenditure increase to the New Jersey Innovation Authority and the Office of Information Technology due to the required establishment of the online Statewide tracking system for certain permits issued by the State.

The Office of Information Technology will likely bear the majority of the costs as the office is responsible for providing the platform for the application and the necessary permit data for the dashboard.

The OLS finds that various State agencies may also experience expenditure increases due to their required cooperation with the New Jersey Innovation Authority and the Office of Information Technology to fully support the dashboard.