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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Upchurch and M. Smith

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$50.0 million from the GRF in each fiscal year to support the Land Reutilization Nuisance Abatement Program, which the bill creates.
- Under the program, the Director of Development Services is authorized to issue grants to county land banks to support the abatement of nuisance structures on blighted property. The bill requires recipient land banks to commit an amount equal to or greater than the amount of the grant for those purposes.

Detailed Analysis

The bill appropriates \$50.0 million from the GRF in each fiscal year of the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium to the Development Services Agency to support the Land Reutilization Nuisance Abatement Program which the bill creates. Under the bill, the program would provide grants to county land reutilization corporations (county land banks) to support the abatement of nuisance structures on blighted property that (1) pose a direct threat to public health or safety or has been designated as unfit for human habitation or use, (2) has a tax delinquency for more than the property is worth, or (3) has several statutorily specified conditions that collectively adversely affect surrounding property values or limit land use in the area.

Under the bill, the Director of Development Services is authorized to award grants to county land banks if the land bank that receives the grant commits additional funds in an amount

equal to or greater than the amount of the grant.¹ The Director can also set other conditions for use of the funds. The bill prohibits the Director from awarding any single land bank more than 20% of the funds appropriated to the program in any fiscal year.

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¹ Under continuing law, county land banks are funded by boards of county commissioners via appropriations of up to 5% of all collections of delinquent real property, personal property, and manufactured and mobile home taxes and assessments.