

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 1559**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill, No. 1559 (1R).

This bill amends the “Municipal Land Use Law” (C.40:55D-1 et seq.) to allow a municipal planning board to include in a municipality’s master plan a green buildings and environmental sustainability plan element providing for, encouraging, and promoting the efficient use of natural resources and the installation and usage of renewable energy systems, considering the impact of buildings on the local, regional and global environment, allowing ecosystems to function naturally, conserving and reusing water resources, treating storm water on-site and optimizing climatic conditions through site orientation and design. This bill is not intended to modify or supersede the State Uniform Construction Code.