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Bill Analysis

SB 647 requires determinations of regulations, restrictions, and district boundaries of municipalities to be made in light of objective and relevant facts as well as by utilizing processes and requirements outlined in the municipal code. If a challenging entity to a municipal zoning decision can prove that the zoning decision does not have a significant relation to public health, safety, or general welfare of the public or that the decision was arbitrary, the zoning decision shall be invalid. If the governing body of a municipality does not serve as the board of adjustment, the body may provide that the decisions of the board on matters within its jurisdiction are final subject to judicial review or are final subject to appeal to the governing body. The measure specifies that land use applications shall not be based solely upon the presence, numbers, or magnitude of opposition or protests in the absence of objective and relevant facts.

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