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As an attorney who regularly deals with violations of accessibility requirements, I attest to the need for plan review. Common sense tells you how much cheaper it is to correct design errors with an eraser than with a jackhammer. It's a matter of spending pennies to save dollars.

Charging the cost for plan review of public projects to the responsible agency is a project cost. It is no different than any other design expense. The plan review cost can be easily included in the initial budgeting and appropriation process.

Shifting this small cost to the project sponsor does not increase the overall expense to the State because statute already requires DCAB's plan review. The issue is simply if the cost of plan review comes out directly of the general fund or is allocated to the project concerned. Because many projects are funded otherwise than through the general fund, the proposed legislation will actually reduce pressure on the general fund.

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