HB 1475 by Rep. John Cyrier (Referred to Land & Resource Management March 5)

This bill would require that that, in exercising its authority to grant or deny a variance, a board of adjustment may consider the following as grounds to determine whether compliance with the zoning ordinance as applied to a structure would result in an unnecessary hardship: (1) whether the financial cost of compliance is greater than 50 percent of the appraised value of the structure as shown on the most recent certified appraisal roll; (2) whether compliance would result in a loss to the lot on which the structure is located of at least 25 percent of the area on which development may physically occur; (3) whether compliance would result in the structure not being in compliance with a requirement of a city ordinance, building code, or other requirement; (4) whether compliance would result in the unreasonable encroachment on an adjacent property or easement; or (5) whether the city considers the structure to be a nonconforming structure.

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