Commissioners stall on downtown plans

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Is it a way to restore older down-nwns — or the return of an al-eady-rejected step toward regional overnment.

government.
Oakland County Commissioners
couldn't make up their mind on the
so-called "Recycled Cities Act", so
they've postponed action on the

Apported by the state Sennte this spring, and awaiting House approv-sl this fall, the act would help downtowns both large and small. County and local leaders would, form councils to assemble land par-

Members of the commission's general government committee were split on the concept.
"I like what this hill would do," said Lillian Jaffe Oaks, D-South-field.

Others linked it to the regional development initiative proposed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Government and rejected, on a split vote, by these same county commissioners.

"We already rejected something

own.

"The problem with these planning boards, is that they try to become implementation boards," said Donn Wolf, R-Farmignon Hills.

Whatever their city or party affiliation, commissioners were most upset the councils could be created by

the county executive, or commis-sion chairman, without input from the full board.

Bill backers are already claiming support from Oakalad County, based on statements apparently is-sued through the executive's office. "We need to tell them we speak for the county and we set by issuing

cels and seek state Department of Commerce financing for demolition and construction projects.

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resolutions," Schmid said.
Commisisoenrs believe the provision oversteps authority spelled out under state law governing counties like Oakland.

Commissioners took no action of the proposal Monday, though they are expected to issue a recommen-dation next month. From there, the matter will move to the full com-mission.

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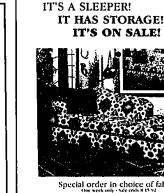




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