

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 772 (Cecil County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Cecil County - Noncompetitively Bid Contracts - Award Limitation

This bill increases, from \$10,000 to \$20,000, the total value of contracts not competitively bid that a particular contractor may be awarded in Cecil County during any two-month period.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate decrease in Cecil County expenditures; revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Assuming that the amount of contracts not competitively bid remains constant, the increased flexibility of the higher total value of contracts that may be awarded to a particular contractor by Cecil County could result in increased cost effectiveness by streamlining the purchasing process. Any savings cannot be determined at this time.

Small Business Effect: The bill increases the value of contracts a particular contractor may receive from Cecil County in a year from \$60,000 to \$120,000. Small business that receive more contracts from Cecil County will benefit from the increased business. However, some small businesses could receive fewer contracts as a result of this bill.

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