

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 835 (Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations)
Commerce & Government Matters

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Nondiscrimination Policy
PG/MC 11-98

This bill prohibits the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) from discriminating against any person on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, age, mental or physical handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin. In addition, the proposed bill prohibits the WSSC from awarding a contract unless it contains provisions obligating the contractor (1) not to discriminate; and (2) to include a nondiscrimination clause in all subcontracts.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in the cost of construction contracts. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: WSSC advises that currently many subcontracts are verbal because of their small size. Assuming the bill would require all subcontracts to be written, contractors' paperwork and legal costs could increase. At least part of any increase would likely be passed on to the WSSC in higher contract costs. While the WSSC estimates the cost increase to be \$5,000 per contract, Legislative Services believes the bill's requirements could be met with only a minimal increase in expenditures.

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