

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2024 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 295

(Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment
Committee)(By Request - Departmental - Planning)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Environment and Transportation

Department of Planning - Inventory Responsibilities

This departmental bill repeals provisions that require the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) to prepare and periodically revise (and provide copies of, as specified) inventory lists of (1) the natural resources of the State and (2) major public works and private facilities that are important to the development of the State as a whole.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: MDP has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: MDP must prepare and periodically revise inventory lists of (1) the natural resources of the State and (2) major public works and private facilities that are important to the development of the State as a whole. A copy of the inventory list must be provided to any State agency and the General Assembly upon request.

Background: MDP advises that the inventory lists of natural resources and major public works and private facilities required by the statute are not kept by MDP, and that other State agencies may more appropriately prepare and maintain these inventory lists.

Specifically, MDP indicates that the inventory lists may be best handled by (1) the Department of Natural Resources, for the natural resources of the State, and (2) the Department of Budget and Management and the Maryland Department of Transportation, for major public works projects.

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Planning; Department of Natural Resources; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - January 23, 2024
km/sdk Third Reader - February 13, 2024

Analysis by: Joanne E. Tetlow

Direct Inquiries to:
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510

ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Department of Planning - Inventory Responsibilities

BILL NUMBER: SB0295

PREPARED BY: Maryland Department of Planning

PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESS

OR

WILL HAVE MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

This proposal has no economic impact on small businesses. It is moving inventory requirements of MDP under the State Finance & Procurement Article that would be best executed by other State agencies.