

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1240 (Delegate Klausmeier, et al.)  
Environmental Matters

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**Public Service Companies - Small Business Impact**

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This bill requires a public service company to submit an “economic impact analysis” and an “economic impact analysis rating” relating to small businesses when it applies for a grant of a franchise, approval of a change in rates, or issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The bill prohibits the Public Service Commission from approving such applications if the action would provide the public service company with an unfair competitive advantage over small businesses.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect State finances. Its requirements could be handled with the Public Service Commission’s existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

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