

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 502 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Environment)

Environmental Matters Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Water Quality - Grants and Loans for Projects - Expansion

This enrolled departmental bill provides that phosphorus removal projects are eligible for wastewater treatment construction grants and loans if undertaken in conjunction with a nitrogen removal cost-share grant. Currently, these funds are used for nitrogen removal projects.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill alters the purposes for which State-granted moneys can be spent but does not affect the overall amount of money loaned or granted through the program.

Local Effect: The overall level of funding available for local governments will not be affected. The bill will result in a reallocation of funding for projects submitted by local government units. There are currently 64 major wastewater treatment plants targeted to be upgraded for nitrogen and phosphorous removal; 17 of these have already been upgraded.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Environment has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: All of the facilities that would be impacted by this legislation are units of local government. Therefore, this bill has no effect on small business.

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