

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 1392 (Washington County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Select Committee No. 1

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Washington County - Economic Development Commission

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This amended bill abolishes the existing Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission. In its place, the Washington County Commissioners may establish by ordinance a new economic development commission. The county may provide funds and any other support to the commission as it deems appropriate. If the county commissioners do not enact an ordinance providing for the creation of a new economic development commission, the existing commission would continue to operate.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Washington County and City of Hagerstown expenditures could be affected as discussed below. Revenues would not be directly affected.

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Fiscal Analysis

**Local Expenditures:** Washington County appropriated approximately \$222,000, including funds from the City of Hagerstown, in fiscal 1996 to the Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission. This amount included salaries for an Executive Director and three support staff. Of the total amount, the City of Hagerstown appropriated \$56,000. If a new economic development commission is created, city and county expenditures could be affected depending upon the difference in the scope of the new commission versus the existing commission. For instance, if the structural and organizational focus of the new commission is more extensive than the existing commission, city and county expenditures could increase provided the existing funding arrangement between the two entities continues. At this time, the impact cannot be reliably determined.

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