

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1326 (Cecil County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Cecil County - Road Construction Districts

This bill authorizes the Cecil County Commissioners to establish by ordinance a road construction district if at least two-thirds of the property owners in a proposed district present a written petition to the county commissioners requesting its creation. The county commissioners must conduct a public hearing to consider the petition. At the hearing, the county commissioners may establish the district, the scope and feasibility of the project, and the tax levy. Upon completion of the project, the county commissioners may impose a benefit charge on all real property within the district that is sufficient to meet all the costs of the project, including interest paid and administrative, notice, and advertisement costs. If a project meets county specifications, the road must be included as part of the county road system.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Cecil County revenues and expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: If the Cecil County Commissioners establish road construction districts, revenues and expenditures could increase. This increase would depend upon the number of districts, the scope and costs of the projects, and the amount of taxes and benefit charges levied. At this time, this information cannot be determined. It is assumed that any expenditure increase would be offset by the collection of additional taxes and benefit charges.

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