

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1198 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)
(Departmental - Human Resources)
Commerce and Government Matters

Commission on Indian Affairs

This departmental bill transfers the Commission on Indian Affairs from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Human Resources.

This bill takes effect July 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. General fund expenditures within the Indian Affairs Commission would remain the same. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: A small business impact statement was not provided by the Department of Human Resources in time for inclusion in this fiscal note. A revised fiscal note will be issued when the department's assessment becomes available.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Indian Affairs Commission operates within the Cultural Conservation Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). General fund expenditures for the commission are expected to total approximately \$5,800 in fiscal 1997. This bill would transfer the administration of the commission from DHCD to the Department of Human Resources (DHR). DHR advises that two additional employees (an Executive Director and an Office Secretary) at a cost of \$60,677 would be required to administer the Indian Affairs Commission.

The Cultural Conservation Division within DHCD currently provides staff support for the

commission; however, the staff has other departmental responsibilities and would not be transferred to DHR. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that existing staff within DHR could provide administrative support to the commission, in the same manner as DHCD, at no additional cost to the State. Approximately \$5,800 in general funds would be transferred from DHCD to DHR to cover annual operating expenses. Operating expenses within the commission are illustrated below:

| Type of Expenditure | Amount | Percent |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Staffing | \$0 | 0% |
| Travel Reimbursements | \$1,380 | 24% |
| Contractual Services | \$3,500 | 60% |
| Supplies | \$750 | 13% |
| Subscriptions | \$170 | 3% |
| Total | \$5,800 | 100% |

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