Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 569 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee) (Departmental - Environment)

Environmental Matters

Natural Wood Waste Recycling Facilities - Regulatory Requirements - Limited Repeal

This departmental bill repeals the statutory permit requirements and other restrictions applying to natural wood waste recycling facilities.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. There is no fee associated with the permit, so revenues would not be affected. Any decrease in workload associated with wood waste activities is expected to result in a reallocation of resources to other permitting activities; therefore, no decreases in expenditures would result.

Local Effect: None.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: According to MDE's attached impact analysis, this legislation could save certain facilities up to \$10,000 in consulting fees. Any such savings could have a significant impact on the small businesses involved.

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