

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 1350 (Delegate Hubbard, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

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Advisory Council on Environmental Justice

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This amended bill establishes a 15-member Advisory Council on Environmental Justice; membership should reflect regional, ethnic, economic, and gender diversity. The council must examine issues relating to environmental justice, which is defined as equal protection from environmental and public health hazards for all people regardless of race, income, culture, and social class. The council must make recommendations on environmental justice issues to the Governor, General Assembly, and State and local government agencies. The advisory council must report on environmental justice and its recommendations by January 1, 1999.

The bill is effective June 1, 1997 and sunsets on June 30, 1999.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None, as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Effect:** Task force members would be reimbursed for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources of the entities represented on the task force. The bill does not specify which entity will staff the advisory council.

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