

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 11 (Delegate Campbell, *et al.*)
Environmental Matters

Task Force on Planning and Development

This joint resolution requests the Governor to establish a Task Force on Planning and Development. The task force's primary responsibilities include (1) identifying certain regional planning and development trends; (2) studying issues relating to interdependencies of multi-jurisdictional regions in the State; (3) producing a report on demographic and land use trends in each county and municipal corporation; and (4) developing a feasibility study on certain local development and fiscal issues. The task force's interim report is due by November 1, 1997 and the final report is due by November 1, 1998. The Maryland Office of Planning is required to provide staff support.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution could increase general fund expenditures by \$103,100 in FY 1998 and \$49,700 in FY 1999. Revenues would not be affected.

(in dollars)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
GO Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GO Expenditures	103,100	49,700	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$103,100)	(\$49,700)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. Small businesses would not be directly affected.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Because a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and State finances are not directly affected. However, to fully implement this joint resolution, State expenditures could increase by a total of \$152,764, as illustrated in **Exhibit 1**. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring two contractual Planners and one Office Secretary to study development trends and to produce the required reports. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses. Fiscal 1998 expenditures reflect salaries for a twelve-month period and fiscal 1999 expenditures reflect salaries for a six-month period. Since this resolution sunsets after the task force submits a final report, State expenditures would not be affected after fiscal 1999.

Exhibit 1
Projected Task Force Expenditures

	Fiscal 1998	Fiscal 1999	Fiscal 1998-1999
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$93,914	\$48,600	\$142,514
Equipment	7,200	0	7,200
Other Operating Expenses	2,000	1,050	3,050
Total State Expenditures	\$103,114	\$49,650	\$152,764

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