

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Joint Resolution 22 (Delegate Fry, *et al.*)

Appropriations

Referred to Budget and Taxation

Proposed Merger of Major Railroads Serving Maryland

This enrolled joint resolution expresses the will of the General Assembly that effective railroad competition must be preserved in Maryland through the continuation of at least two Class I carriers in addition to regional and short line railroads. It is also expressed that rail employees, communities, and consumers in Maryland should be protected from any adverse impacts of a proposed merger of Conrail with either CSX or Norfolk Southern. The joint resolution stresses the importance of the continued operation and growth of commuter rail services in Maryland. Also emphasized is the need to address funding for the construction of physical improvements to railways needed to realize the purported benefits of the merger.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Compliance with this joint resolution would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The joint resolution would not directly affect small businesses.

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