

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 887 (Montgomery County and Prince George's County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Employee Disputes -
Office of Administrative Hearings
MC/PG 11-97**

This bill enables an employee of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to appeal certain personnel decisions of the commission or merit board to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by \$9,900 annually. Expenditures could increase by an indeterminate amount.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in M-NCPPC expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) has conducted a few hearings for M-NCPPC on a contractual basis. For these hearings, OAH charged M-NCPPC \$90 per hour. With the average personnel case taking 11 hours, OAH revenues would increase by \$990 per hearing. Further, since M-NCPPC projects that ten cases will be appealed to OAH annually, general fund revenues would increase by \$9,900. OAH advises that existing contractual administrative law judges would be used to handle the caseload.

Local Expenditures: M-NCPPC advises that additional expenses of \$102,300 would be required to handle an estimated ten employee appeals annually to OAH. However, without

any supporting documentation from M-NCPPC, the Department of Fiscal Services cannot reliably determine whether additional personnel expenditures would be necessary to handle another set of hearings.

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