

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 17 (Delegate Klausmeier, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Graffiti

This joint resolution urges local governments, businesses, and communities across the State to take efforts to combat graffiti and related vandalism by enacting laws that require detention, community service, full restitution, mandatory counseling, and civil sanctions.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Since a joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only, compliance is not required and expenditures and revenues would not be directly affected. Should the terms of this joint resolution be complied with, however, expenditures and revenues could increase. The increase would depend upon the scope of the laws enacted by local governments, the type of enforcement mechanisms, the amount of monetary penalties, and the number of convictions.

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

Information Source(s): Montgomery and Prince George's counties; City of Bowie; Town of Thurmont; Department of Fiscal Services

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