

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1130 (Washington County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Washington County - Sale and Purchase of Real Estate

This bill authorizes the Washington County Commissioners to enter into a contract of sale or purchase of real estate without advertising for bids. Requirements regarding advertising of the intent to sell, dispose of, or convey any interest in real estate remain in effect.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal effect on Washington County expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful effect on a limited number of small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: There would be some savings associated with costs of advertising. Since the county makes few purchases and sales of real estate each year, any effect from this bill is expected to be minimal, if not negligible. In addition, Legislative Services notes that it is possible that these savings could be offset to some extent by increased costs due to less competition.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses that are not made aware of county purchases and sales of real estate through advertising for bids could be negatively affected.

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