Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1179 (Delegate Harkins)

Appropriations

Agricultural Land Preservation - Valuation of Easements

This bill provides that when considering land for purchase by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), the amount of acreage in the State appraisal must be used in the easement valuation if there is a discrepancy between two or more appraisals concerning the amount of acreage.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements do not materially alter the Department of Agriculture's operations or finances. The Department of General Services (DGS) will continue contracting out appraisers and then reviewing the appraisal. There would be no effect on DGS operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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