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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 663 (Washington County Delegation)

Appropriations

Washington County Commissioners - Borrowing Authority

This bill authorizes the Washington County Commissioners to borrow up to \$5 million in any one fiscal year, without prior legislative approval, to pay expenses or obligations of the county. Under current law, Washington County must first obtain the approval of the General Assembly to incur debt.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential significant increase in revenues and expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Washington County revenues could increase by up to \$5 million annually. County debt service expenditures could also increase depending upon the amount borrowed and interest rate in effect at the time the loan is made. Washington County currently has \$7.0 million in cash reserves, which is 6% of the county's budgeted revenues. The county thus does not anticipate a need to borrow any money at this time.

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