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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 933 (Washington County Delegation)

Appropriations

Washington County - Public Facilities Bonds

This bill authorizes the Washington County Commissioners to issue up to \$50 million in general obligation bonds for construction, improvement, or development of public facilities. The date of maturity cannot exceed 30 years.

The bill is effective June 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County would receive up to \$50 million in bond proceeds for capital projects. County debt service expenditures would increase by an estimated \$4.06 million annually.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Washington County revenues could increase by up to \$50 million due to the bond proceeds. As of June 30, 1998, the county had \$74.5 million in outstanding debt. The county currently has an A+\A1 credit rating. The interest rate for A rated 20-year bonds is estimated to be 5.2%. Assuming the county issues \$50 million in bonds, the county's annual debt service costs on these bonds would be \$4,063,300.

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