

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 138 (The President. *et al.*)  
(Administration)

Judicial Proceedings

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Human Relations Commission - Jurisdiction - Sexual Orientation

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This Administration bill prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation with regard to public accommodations, labor and employment, and housing. Current law prohibits discrimination in these areas on the basis of race, sex, creed, color, religion, national origin, marital status, and physical or mental handicap.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. Although the bill may result in additional cases for the Judiciary, the Human Relations Commission, and the Office of Administrative Hearings, any increase in workload is expected to be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Maryland Commission on Human Relations has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Information Source(s):** Human Relations Commission, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Legislative Services, Office of the Governor

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