Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly 2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1073 (Washington County Delegation)

Appropriations

Washington County - Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc. (MIHI) Loan of 1997

This bill changes the name of the grantee and the purpose of the funding for the Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc. (MIHI) Loan of 1997.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Changing the name of the grantee and the funding's purpose would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None. Washington County does not provide funding for this project in its capital plan.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on one small nonprofit entity.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 212 of 1997 authorized up to \$35,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc. for the acquisition or installment of capital equipment for playground and picnic areas in Washington County, the equipment to be used by the mentally impaired or handicapped individuals.

Background: MIHI, Inc., formerly Mentally Impaired or Handicapped Individuals, Inc., is an all volunteer, nonprofit, tax-exempt organization founded in 1987. Its mission is to provide handicapped accessible playground equipment and outdoor furniture for use by

handicapped persons and the general public in recreational facilities throughout Washington County.

The Board of Directors of MIHI, Inc. have broadened their focus to include all recreational facilities in Washington County, including fishing piers, walkways, and park benches.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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