

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2001 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1301 (Frederick County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - Community Development Authorities

This bill authorizes Frederick County to include land zoned village center or general commercial located in parcel 68 on Frederick County tax map 96 as part of a community development authority.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County expenditures and revenues could increase, with expenditure increases offset by revenue proceeds from fees or ad valorem or special taxes.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 517 of 1997 authorized the County Commissioners of Frederick County to establish community development areas for financing and developing infrastructure and improvements projects. Frederick County is authorized to borrow funds for financing the improvements and levy ad valorem or special taxes to pay off bonds. County officials are required to gain a municipality's consent before designating an area in a municipality as a community development area. The Urbana Election District is a community development authority designated by resolution by the County Commissioners of Frederick County.

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County revenues and expenditures would increase depending on the scope of the infrastructure projects and the amount of bonds issued by the county. At this time, the increase cannot be reliably estimated. However, any increase in debt service costs would be fully offset by ad valorem or special taxes or fees.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses in the added area could benefit from the infrastructure improvements undertaken by the community development authority. Improvements could increase the number of people visiting the area and lead to more exposure for small businesses. However, these businesses could experience higher costs in the form of ad valorem or special taxes or fees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Frederick County, Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader – March 7, 2001
ncs/hlb

Analysis by: Christopher J. Kelter

Direct Inquiries to:
John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510