

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 638 (Delegate Grosfeld, *et al.*)  
Economic Matters

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**Joint Committee on Housing Policy**

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This bill creates a 14-member Joint Committee on Housing Policy to recommend changes in law and budgeting that can improve the condition and availability of housing for limited income residents of the State. The committee shall consist of the majority and minority leaders from both the House and the Senate, and five other senators and delegates appointed from among the members of the committees that deal with issues affecting housing policy. The committee must investigate the problems relating to housing policy in the State, particularly the difficulty of developing and promoting public policies affecting affordable housing and community development.

The bill also requires the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to cooperate with the committee and submit an annual report to the committee by October 1 regarding relevant housing issues. The committee must submit a report each year to the General Assembly by December 31 that describes the committee's progress and any recommendations. The Department of Legislative Services must provide staffing for the committee. The bill takes effect June 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for the committee members and staffing costs for the Department of Legislative Services could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** Two standing committees -- the House Economic Matters Committee and Senate Finance Committee -- have jurisdiction over most legislative housing issues.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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