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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 442 (Washington County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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Washington County - County Commissioners - Salary

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This bill increases the salary of the President of the Washington County Commissioners from \$20,500 to \$33,000 and increases the salaries of other county commissioners from \$20,000 to \$30,000 beginning with the next term of office.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Washington County expenditures would increase by \$35,300 in FY 2003 and by \$60,500 in FY 2004 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The President of the Board of the County Commissioners of Washington County earns a salary of \$20,500, and the other county commissioners earn salaries of \$20,000. Salary adjustments take effect at the beginning of the next term of office which begins December 2002 for the County Commissioners of Washington County.

**Background:** The salaries of the County Commissioners of Washington County have not changed since 1991 when the salaries were raised from \$13,920 to \$20,000 (Chapter 53 of 1989).

**Local Fiscal Effect:** In Washington County, the term of office for county commissioners are not staggered, accordingly all five members will begin a new term in December 2002. Washington County expenditures will increase by \$35,291 in fiscal 2003 for additional salary (\$30,608) and fringe benefits (\$4,683). This reflects salary adjustments for a seven-month period (December 2002 - June 2003). Beginning in fiscal 2004, county expenditures would increase by \$60,533 which reflects annualization.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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