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FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 17 (Delegate Marriott, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

**United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination
Against Women**

This joint resolution urges the President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of State, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the entire U.S. Senate to place a high priority on the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979 and became an international treaty on September 3, 1981. By May 2001, the treaty was signed by 168 nations, including all the industrialized world except the United States.

The treaty admonishes participating nations to take all appropriate measures to prohibit discrimination against women, including enacting, abolishing, or modifying laws, regulations, customs and practices which constitute discrimination against women. States

who agree to abide by the treaty agree to eliminate discrimination in such areas as education, employment, property rights, politics, health care, economics, and the right to participate in sports and recreational activities.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill was introduced as HJ 10 in the 1999 session. It received an unfavorable report from the House Judiciary Committee.

Cross File: None.

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