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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 959 (Carroll County Delegation)  
Environmental Matters

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**Carroll County - Road Segment Designation, Construction, and Repayment**

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This bill authorizes the Carroll County Commissioners, after a public hearing, to adopt an ordinance to designate a county road for construction by the county with the cost of construction to be paid by property owners over which the road is designated at the time of the development of the property.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Carroll County expenditures would increase for costs associated with road construction. Revenues would increase due to payments to the county by property owners. The net impact would be negligible since payments by property owners would be used to finance road construction.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The bill also: (1) specifies notice requirements for public hearings; (2) requires the ordinance to specify which types of road construction are subject to repayment; (3) requires the construction of the designated road to be included in the county's six-year capital improvement plan; (4) requires the county to keep accurate records of the cost of road construction; and (5) specifies billing and repayment procedures.

**Current Law:** The Carroll County Commissioners do not have the authority to designate any county road or any segment of a county road for construction by the county with the cost of construction to be paid by property owners over which the road or segment of road is designated at the time of the development of the property.

**Background:** The Carroll County roads capital improvement budget for fiscal 2003 to 2008 totals \$49.1 million, of which \$8.9 million is for fiscal 2003.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** If Carroll County designates county roads or segments of a county road for construction, expenditures to finance county road construction could increase. The expenditure increase would depend on the amount of county roads designated for construction by the county. The county would offset the costs associated with road construction through the assessment of charges to property owners for their share of road improvements.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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