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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 1063

(Washington County Delegation)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

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Washington County - Discovery Station at Hagerstown Loan of 2001

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This bill alters the location, by removing the specific reference to a location, of the project in the Discovery Station at Hagerstown Loan of 2001. The bill also repeals the requirement that the grantee grant and convey a perpetual preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Changing the location of the project and repealing the easement requirement would not materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not directly affect the finances of Washington County or the City of Hagerstown.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 594 of 2001 authorized up to \$25,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc., as grantee, for the renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the warehouse at 58 East Washington Street in Hagerstown so that it can function as an interactive science center, incorporating local history displays.

The grantee must grant and convey a perpetual preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust to the extent of the grantee's interest on the land or portion of the land acceptable to the trust and on the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic structures. The trust may accept an easement on the grantee's or beneficiary's leasehold interest, if that is the interest held. The easement and any liens or encumbrances must be acceptable to the trust.

**Background:** Since this grant was made, the location of the project has changed, to 101 West Washington Street in Hagerstown. The grantee's matching fund was certified in 2002.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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