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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1747 (Delegate Taylor, et al)
 Appropriations

Funding for the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Memorial Project

In recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King’s profound contributions to American society, this bill requires the Governor to include a \$1 million appropriation in the fiscal 2008 budget to assist in the construction of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$1 million in FY 2008 only. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	1,000,000	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is scheduled to be built adjacent to the Tidal Basin on the National Mall, a site that was approved by the

National Capital Planning Commission in 1999. The ROMA Design Group was commissioned in 2000 to design and build the memorial, and the memorial's design was approved by the Fine Arts Council in 2002. Final approval for the memorial was given by the U.S. Congress in 2005, which also provided \$10 million in matching funds toward construction costs.

The memorial is expected to cost \$100 million to construct. To date, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation has raised \$57 million from private and public donors.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 1105 (Senators McFadden and Kramer) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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