

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 454

(Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Budget and Taxation

Washington County - Aid to Manufactories

This bill repeals obsolete provisions from the Public Local Laws of Washington County relating to local financial aid to factories.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill removes obsolete unused authority and will not materially affect Washington County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The bill removes the authority of the Washington County Commissioners to provide aid to assist a factory in the county engaged in the production of goods essential to the defense of the State or the nation; prevent a factory in the county from moving elsewhere because of inducements offered by another state, county, or municipality; or aid and assist a factory to become established in the county. Under current law, money spent for aid to a factory must only be spent on property which is either owned in fee by the county, or leased by the county for a term of at least 15 years. The county commissioners may not spend more than \$35,000 annually in assistance to factories and must provide in each annual levy an amount equal to the sum to be spent for aid to factories.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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