



FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Local Government Fiscal and Policy Note

CONTACT INFORMATION AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Bill Number/Reference:	22-22
Bill Title:	Revisions to the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan: Cost of Living Adjustment – July 1, 2023
Local Government Agency:	Finance Division
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Due Date:	September 27, 2022
Date Submitted:	September 20, 2022

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Date:						
Please respond to the questions below. If you prefer to provide responses or additional information in a separate file or document, send the file or document in a separate e-mail to rcherney@frederickcountymd.gov with the bill number/reference in the subject line.						
1.	Describe the impact of this proposed legislation on your agency (operations, revenues, expenditures, etc). If there is no impact, <u>please explain why</u> .					
The proposed legislation would amend the Frederick County Employees Retirement Plan to make certain revisions to the Plan to provide for a permanent cost of living adjustment tied to annual changes in the Consumer Price Index effective July 1, 2023, with a minimum adjustment of one percent per year and a maximum adjustment of three percent per year and eliminate the requirement to review the cost of living adjustment every three years. According to the Plans' actuarial analysis, the estimated additional cost to the County in Fiscal Year 2024 for the Employees Retirement Plan is \$3.1 million. The additional cost will decrease year-over-year. Amounts will be distributed as the County's share of payroll contributions to all departments and funds.						
2.	Please indicate whether the proposed legislation will affect small businesses in Frederick County, and if it will, please provide any information you may have which could be useful in determining the economic impact on small businesses.					
N/A – This legislation will not have an impact on small businesses in Frederick County.						
FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY – SHOW (DECREASE) IN PARENTHESES						
<u>REVENUES</u>						
3.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government revenues . Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in revenues resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause revenue increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
	<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
N/A						
TOTAL \$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Please explain how the above estimated increase(s) or decrease(s) were arrived at, including any calculations and/or assumptions made. Please also explain any variation if the revenue increase(s)/decrease(s) are not constant.					
N/A – This legislation will not have an impact on County revenues.						

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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
4.	Analysis of estimated increase (or decrease) in government expenditures . Please estimate below any anticipated increase (or decrease) in expenditures resulting from this legislation. Please be aware of any delayed effective dates in the bill or other factors that may cause expenditure increases/decreases to begin in later years.					
<u>A. Salaries & Wages</u>		<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
FTE Employees - _____ # of positions						
Fringe Benefits						
Increase in County's Plan						
Contribution from this legislation		\$0	\$3,142,504	\$1,610,533	\$1,165,268	\$796,267
TOTAL (Salaries, wages & benefits)		\$0	\$3,142,504	\$1,610,533	\$1,165,268	\$796,267
		Please provide an explanation of the need for the number and type of any personnel listed above, including (1) what specific provision(s) of the bill necessitate additional staff; (2) what the duties of each type employee will be; and (3) why existing personnel cannot absorb the additional work. Please also certify the wage/salary rate and % fringe rate (if differing rates apply) for each personnel classification.				
<u>B. Other Operating Expenses</u>		<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Technical/Special Fees, Grants/Subsidies						
Communications-Phone, Postage						
Travel, Food, Auto, Fuel & Utilities						
Contractual Services						
Supplies						
Equipment-Replacement						
Equipment-Additional						
Land & Structures, Fixed Charges						
Other (Please Specify on Extra Page(s))						
TOTAL (Expenditures)		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		On the next page, please provide brief descriptions/breakdowns of the above "Other Operating Expenses."				
		Please explain below any additional calculations or assumptions made in estimating the "Other Operating Expenses" that will help us to understand the amounts and timing of the expenses.				
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4. (cont'd)

C. Operating Expense Descriptions/Breakdowns

Please provide below a short description of the specific purpose of each expense listed under 4B. If any amount(s) listed under 4B represent(s) a total of multiple expenses, provide a breakdown of the fiscal 2021 amount with a short description of each expense (for example, if \$2,500 is listed for Communications – Phone, Postage, a statement such as “\$1,500 for cellphone charges for two new inspectors and \$1,000 for postage for mailings to permittees to notify them of changes to inspection requirements.”)

Fiscal 2023 Expenditures

Technical/Special Fees, Grants & Subsidies description/breakdown	\$
Communications – Phone, Postage description/breakdown	\$
Travel, Food, Auto Operations, Fuel & Utilities description/breakdown	\$
Contractual Services description/breakdown	\$
Supplies description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Replacement description/breakdown	\$
Equipment-Additional description/breakdown	\$
Land & Structures, Fixed Charges description/breakdown	\$
Other (Please Specify) description/breakdown	\$

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<u>ADDITIONAL POLICY IMPLICATIONS/CONCERNS</u>

Please submit BY E-MAIL to: Ragen Cherney, Legislative Director/Chief of Staff
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