

Economic Impact Statement

Office of Legislative Oversight

Bill 21-20

Office of Animal Services – Established

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) expects Bill 21-20 to have an insignificant impact on the Montgomery County economy.

BACKGROUND

The Animal Services Division is currently housed within the Police Department. Bill 21-20 would create a new, non-principal office in the Executive Branch and transfer the Animal Services Division from the Police Department to the newly created Office of Animal Services. The goal of the bill is to enhance performance accountability and raise attention to the mission of the care and management of animals.¹

INFORMATION, ASSUMPTIONS and METHODOLOGIES

No methodologies were used in this statement. The assumptions underlying the claims made in the subsequent sections are based on the judgment of OLO staff.

VARIABLES

Not applicable.

IMPACTS

Businesses, Non-Profits, Other Private Organizations

Workforce, operating costs, property values, capital investment, taxation policy, economic development, competitiveness, etc.

OLO believes that Bill 21-20 would have little to no impact on private organizations in the County in terms of the Council's priority indicators, namely workforce, operating costs, capital investments, property values, taxation policy, economic development and competitiveness.

Residents

Employment, property values, taxes paid, etc.

OLO believes that Bill 21-20 would have little to no impact on County residents in terms of the Council's priority indicators, namely employment, property values, and taxes paid.

WORKS CITED

Montgomery County Council. Bill No. 21-20 Office of Animal Services - Established, Montgomery County, Maryland.

¹ Montgomery County Council, Bill No. 21-20 Office of Animal Services - Established, Montgomery County, Maryland, 18.

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CAVEATS

Two caveats to the economic analysis performed here should be noted. First, predicting the economic impacts of legislation is a challenging analytical endeavor due to data limitations, the multitude of causes of economic outcomes, economic shocks, uncertainty, and other factors. Second, the analysis performed here is intended to *inform* the legislative process, not determine whether the Council should enact legislation. Thus, any conclusion made in this statement does not represent OLO's endorsement of, or objection to, the bill under consideration.

CONTRIBUTIONS

This economic impact statement was drafted by Stephen Roblin (OLO).