

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2026 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 498 (Washington County Senators)  
Education, Energy, and the Environment

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**Washington County Salary Study Commission - Membership - Alterations**

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This bill alters the membership of the Washington County Salary Study Commission by replacing the member from the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors with a member from the Washington County Home Builders Association.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Washington County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Washington County Salary Study Commission is charged with studying the salaries of specified public officials in the county and making recommendations to the county commissioners for review and consideration. Within 60 days after receiving the recommendations of the commission, the county commissioners may accept, reduce, or reject the salary recommendations but may not increase them.

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**Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 934 (Washington County Delegation) - Government, Labor, and Elections.

**Information Source(s):** Washington County; Department of Legislative Services

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