

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2024 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 928 (Washington County Delegation)  
Environment and Transportation

Budget and Taxation

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**Washington County - Procurement - Vehicles**

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This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, or an employee of Washington County, to enter into a contract for the purchase of one or more vehicles without advertising for bids if the amount involved in the contract does not exceed \$100,000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill pertains only to Washington County.

**Local Effect:** The bill likely has no direct effect on Washington County finances but may create administrative efficiencies with respect to the purchase of vehicles by the county.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County or any employee of the county may not enter into a contract to which the county is a party where the amount involved in the contract exceeds \$50,000 without advertising for bids at least one week before the bid. The notice must be published in at least one newspaper that is published in the county or through electronic media.

However, regardless of the total amount of the procurement, if a contract is for an indeterminate number of goods or services on an as-needed basis over a period of time, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, or an employee of the county, may enter into a contract without advertising for bids.

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## **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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

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