

**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Landgraf

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR REPRESENTATION OF CLOSELY HELD ENTITIES BY NONATTORNEYS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Negligible workload increase. See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, corporations, limited liability companies, and other legally recognized entities with no more than three owners may be represented by a nonattorney officer in court and in administrative tribunals if the matter involves an amount at issue of \$10,000 or less. The bill raises this limit to \$15,000.

State Expenditures

The bill is assessed as having no significant fiscal impact. By adjusting the limit on nonattorney representation to match the \$15,000 jurisdictional limit of county courts, the bill simplifies the court process in a small number of cases that involve a closely held entity as a party. Similar to other pro se litigants, nonattorney officers may require some additional guidance by the court; however, the fiscal note assumes that the small number of cases affected by the bill and the familiarity of officers with their organization will result in negligible increases in workload.

The bill potentially affects a wide range of state agencies that conduct administrative adjudications. Overall, however, the number of cases affected by the bill will be small, with a negligible effect on workload.

Departments Contacted

Judicial Branch
Law
Labor and Employment
State

Personnel and Administration
Property Taxation
Local Affairs
Public Health and Environment

Regulatory Agencies
Revenue
Natural Resources
Human Services