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Comptroller Brooke Lierman Briefs Committee on the Impact of Federal Actions on Maryland Economy

Comptroller Lierman shares agency plans for monitoring the impacts of federal government job reductions and spending changes

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 11, 2025) — During a hearing today before the Maryland General Assembly's [Joint Federal Action Oversight Committee](#), **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman and Deputy Comptroller for Policy Ben Seigel** shared key findings from the agency's [June 2025 report](#) produced in partnership with the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business that quantified the impact of federal government spending and jobs before the second Trump Administration, and spoke about the agency's efforts to track how policy shifts are reshaping the state's economy.

"Maryland has enjoyed a close, mutually beneficial, and symbiotic relationship with the federal government. We have benefited from a high concentration of jobs and significant investment in the form of contracts, grants to Maryland businesses and nonprofits, and to research that supports our economy," Comptroller Lierman shared.

She went on to note that an estimated 229,000 Maryland residents were employed by the federal government during the last fiscal year, and, according to the Maryland Department of Labor, [Maryland lost about 3,500 jobs in the federal government](#) in June 2025, the largest single-month drop in federal government positions in nearly three decades, and 13,000 jobs since January. The Federal Impact Report published in June also highlights that federal spending in Maryland, once totaling \$150.2 billion, could also decline due to policy changes in the federal government and job cuts.

Deputy Comptroller Seigel shared that the agency is working with the University of Maryland on a follow-up report that will explore the ramifications of various scenarios, and a tool that will allow policymakers and the public to test funding-change scenarios and project the impact on their local municipalities to help inform their own budget analysis and revenue estimates. That report is expected to be published in September.

Comptroller Lierman also shared that the Bureau of Revenue Estimates is working on a 60-day report to analyze the impact that recent changes to the Internal Revenue Code will have on Maryland's revenues and taxpayers. That report is also expected in early September.

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