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**A G E N D A   I T E M   S U M M A R Y**

**Reference No:** CR-38-1990

**Draft No:** 1

**P r i n c e   G e o r g e ' s**

**Meeting Date:** 6/5/90

**C o u n t y   C o u n c i l**

**Requestor:** C.C.

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**Item Title:** To oppose closure of acute care beds and  
the reduction of medical services at  
Leland Memorial Hospital

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**Sponsors** W

<b>Date Presented</b>	___/___/___	<b>Executive Action</b>	___/___/___	___
<b>Committee Referral</b>	(1) 4/24/90	C.O.W.	<b>Effective Date</b>	___/___/___
<b>Committee Action</b>	(1) 5/8/90	FAV(A)		
<b>Date Introduced</b>	4/24/90			
<b>Pub. Hearing Date</b>	( ) ___/___/___	__:__		
<b>Council Action</b>	(1) 6/5/90	Adopted		
<b>Council Votes</b>	B_: A_, CA: A_, C_: A_, CI: -_, H_: -_, M_: A_, P_: A_, W_: A_, WI: A_, __: __, __: __, __: __			
<b>Pass/Fail</b>	P			

**Remarks**

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**Drafter:**

**Resource  
Personnel:**

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

**DATE:** 5/8/90

**Committee Vote:** Favorable, with technical amendments, 4-0 (In favor:  
Council Members Bell, Mills, Pemberton and Wilson)

Senate Bill 544 was passed by the Senate but defeated by the House. This bill in the General Assembly would have required the Adventist Health Systems to go through an extensive process of acquiring a Certificate of Need (CON) from the Maryland Resources Planning Commission.

It appears at the present time, that the Adventist Health System (AHS) cannot secure adequate finance to liquidate the outstanding bond debt on Leland Hospital of \$8.3 million dollars which is held by the City of Riverdale. Once AHS liquidates the debt with the City of Riverdale, they may petition the Maryland Resource Health Planning Commission to hold a public hearing within 45 days on their request to transfer the beds.

Council Member Wilson asked if Leland Hospital is converted to a rehabilitation center would the County government acquire the financial responsibility of maintaining the hospital.

Karyn Lynch, County Executive Staff, stated that the County Executive supports the rehabilitation service as well as keeping the emergency room open at Leland. But the County Executive does not support the transfer of beds from Leland Hospital.

Avalon Cherry, representative of Betterment for United Seniors (BUS) stated that BUS along with thirty other organizations support CR-38-1990. She said that Leland Hospital which was built in 1942 serves a wide area of citizens in the County and is a vital cog in the community.

Also, Adventist Health Systems caused the financial crisis at Leland by borrowing funds from Leland to purchase Hadley Hospital in the District of Columbia.

George Parr, BUS representative, thanked the Council for their support of this resolution. He said that officials at Leland Hospital have refused to meet with their organization. He feels that BUS and other organizations are in a good position to stop the transfer at this time because of the court order injunction and the financial condition of Adventist Hospital Systems (AHS). If the present composition of the hospital is changed it will change the lives of a large number of senior citizens in the community.

Daryl Wagner (Director of BUS) informed the Council that there is an organized group called Leland United Busters (LUB) which will be meeting with the County Executive on May 23. They are still in a position to win this situation with Leland. Also, they are lobbying the Adventist Church to not support or give funds to the Adventist Health Systems. AHS has lost approximately 11 million dollars on the purchase of Hadley Hospital.

Technical amendments - On page 1 line 23 after the word "over" add the phrase "200,000 County residents including." After the word "residents" add "who".

There is no fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-38-1990.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The purpose of this resolution is to oppose the closure of acute care beds and the reduction of medical services at Leland Memorial Hospital.