

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-088-2025

**Draft No.:** 1

**Committee:** GOFP

**Date:** October 9, 2025

**Action:** FAV

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**REPORT:** Committee Vote: Favorably 5-0 (Council Members Watson, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, and Oriadha)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on October 9, 2025, to consider CB-088-2025, an act concerning the Locally Owned and Operated Business Incentive Act for the purpose of stimulating the growth of locally owned and operated businesses by reducing the stifling burden of fees and charges on such businesses, thus fostering economic growth in Prince George's County.

During the meeting, council staff provided an overview of the legislation, which would increase the number of locally owned and operated businesses by reducing the fees and charges. Enactment of CB-088-2025 will have an adverse fiscal impact on the County, as County fee-based revenue sources (which include business licensing, permitting, inspections, and zoning applications) will be reduced based on the number of Locally Owned and Operated Businesses. Additional expenditures may be required to verify and monitor compliance from these businesses.

Ms. Terry Bell, representing the Office of Law, noted that the legislation had been reviewed and found to have no legal impediments to enactment.

Ms. Sonia Owens, representing the Office of the County Executive, expressed support for the legislation.

After a motion from Council Vice-Chair Oriadha and a second from Committee Vice-Chair Blegay, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably, 5-0.