

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-011-2025

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Committee: GOFP

Date: March 13, 2025

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (Council Members Watson, Dernoga, Harrison, Hawkins, and Oriadha)

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on March 13, 2025, to consider **CB-011-2025**, an act concerning the **Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board**.

Council staff provided an overview of the legislation intended to increase the size of the Board by providing appointing authority to at-large Council members. The Council would be authorized to appoint two additional positions, increasing the number of county council appointments to 11 members representing each of the nine (9) councilmanic districts and two (2) at-large positions.

CB-088-2023 established the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Committee and the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund to receive and distribute funds to areas that cannabis-related practices have heavily impacted. The Board receives applications and recommends awards to the County Council from the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Fund.

Staff noted that correspondence had been received in support of CB-11 from a member of the Maryland Coalition for Justice & Police Accountability and on behalf of Members of the Prince George's County Coalition for Police Accountability.

The Budget and Policy Analysis division provided a fiscal and policy note stating that enactment will not have an adverse fiscal impact.

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. Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison with the County Executive's Office, requested the committee's support.

After further discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably on CB-11-2025, 5-0.