

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-031-2026

Draft No.: 2

Committee: PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: 4/22/2026

Action: FAVORABLE
WITH
AMENDMENTS

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments, 5-0 (In favor: Committee Chair Blegay, Council Members Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, and Olson)

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee met on April 22, 2026, to consider CB-31-2026.

As presented on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, Draft-1 of the bill prohibits the issuance of a building permit or a certificate of occupancy for any privately-owned building, facility, or structure used, in whole or in part, to house or detain individuals for civil immigration violations; and generally relating to the issuance of building permits.

Mr. Isaiah Joseph, Budget and Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the policy and fiscal impacts of the proposed legislation. The direct fiscal impact of enacting CB-031-2026 is indeterminable, as it is unclear how many building permits or certificates of occupancy will be needed for immigration detention facilities.

The indirect fiscal impact is expected to be favorable for the County by avoiding potential costs associated with review, administration, inspection, enforcement, and public safety coordination that could arise from privately operated immigration detention facilities.

The legislation does not require any additional implementation steps or resources and will become effective 45 days after it is signed into law.

PHED Committee Chair Blegay, the bill's sponsor, explained that the County Council intends to eliminate all options for immigration detention centers in Prince George's County. She mentioned there was a potential site for a detention center in Hyattsville, Maryland. The County Council has enacted five pieces of immigration-**related legislation to date**.

Chair Blegay also indicated that there is a proposed amendment to the bill that will add a definition for detention center and prohibit publicly owned buildings from obtaining a certificate of occupancy for such centers. She explained that these amendments will clarify which types of detention centers will be permitted in Prince George's County.

Ms. Angel, County Executive Liaison to the County Council, stated that County Executive Braveboy supports the legislation.

Ms. Hernandez, Legislative Attorney with the Office of Law, noted that the legislation generally falls within the authority for permitting and the issuance of certificates of occupancy but requested to supplement her comments with a response on the proposed amendments added to the bill.

PHED Committee Vice Chair Oriadha thanked PHED Committee Chair Blegay for the proposed legislation. The legislation makes it clear that the County Council stands with the immigrant populations and does not want to see immigration detention centers in Prince George's County.

On motion of Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Olson, the PHED Committee voted 5-0 in favor of CB-31-2026 with amendments.