

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CR-50-2019

**Draft No.:** 2

**Committee:** Health, Human Services and Public Safety

**Date:** 7/18/2019

**Action:** FAV(A)

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### REPORT:

COMMITTEE VOTE: Favorable, 4-0 with amendments (In Favor: Hawkins, Ivey, Harrison and Taveras)

The Legislative Officer provided an overview of the legislation and referral comments that were received. CR-50-2019 supports a Cultural Arts Study for Prince George's County in collaboration with the Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council, the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission's Planning Department, and the Department of Parks and Recreation in the development of a Cultural Arts Study. The purpose of the Study is to highlight and increase the arts and culture and to promote the appreciation for the County's culture and inspire deeper engagement in the arts in the County.

A draft 2 was presented to the Committee for consideration. The changes in Draft 2 were: the word "Plan" was deleted from the legislation and replaced with the word "Study," an Advisory Committee was added, additional clarifying language on the purpose of the study was added and the word "collaboration" was added in the legislation instead of the word "established."

Representatives from the Planning Department participated in the committee work session, to include the Project Manager for the Study, to respond to Council Member's questions. The Planning Department representative indicated that the study was discussed and approved during the FY2020 budget process.

The Executive Director, Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council spoke in support of CR-50-2019, indicating that there are many cultural assets and arts programs within our county that needs to be promoted in our communities.

Written correspondence was submitted from the Indian head Highway Area Action Council, Inc., in support of CR-50-2019. It was suggested that the Steering Committee should be listed on the County's web site under Boards and Commissions with the members shown and contact information.