PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-100-2024

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 10/08/2024

Action: FAVORABLE (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable, as amended, 10-0 (In favor: Chair Ivey, Council Members Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha, and Watson)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on October 8, 2024, to consider CB-100-2024. The PHED Committee Director summarized the purpose of the legislation and informed the Committee of written comments received on referral. As presented on September 24, 2024, Draft-1 amends the County Code to separate the budgeting and personnel functions of the Housing Authority for Prince George's County from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and clarifying personnel provisions pertaining to employees of the Housing Authority.

The Division of Budget and Policy provided a Policy Analysis on CB-100-2024, stating that there is no direct fiscal impact, and the indirect fiscal impact is favorable.

Their memorandum did a question for consideration.

Will additional budgetary resources be required to separate the Housing Authority's functions from the Department of Housing and Community Development?

CB-100-2024 (Proposed DR-2) makes technical amendments to the bill to refer to the Housing Authority Code instead of the Redevelopment Authority Code.

Ms. Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, explained that the bill separates the Housing Authority's budgetary, personnel, and financial functions from those of the Department of Housing and Community Development. The authority to make the change is listed under Section 17-107(c) of the Maryland Code.

The Executive Director of the Housing Authority handles the agency's day-to-day operations. Ms. Weaver also explained that the classification of employees would not change.

The County Council Committee of the Whole, on a motion of Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, voted 10-0 favorably on Amendment #1.

On a motion of Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted 10-0 favorably on CB-100-2024 (DR-2).