

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-67-2019

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Committee: Health, Human Services and Public Safety

Date: 9/18/2019

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Hawkins, Ivy, Harrison and Taveras)

The Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee meet on September 18, 2019 to consider CR-67-2019. This resolution proposes to encourage the establishment of a Food Truck Healthy Options Certification Program by the Health Department. Food Truck vendors participating in this program in “healthy food priority areas” would have all food truck hub, licensing and inspection fees waived.

The Health Department provided written comments relative to their role in the Healthy Options Certification Program. The Health Officer, Dr. Earnest Carter, expressed support for the legislation and noted it should be fully staffed and explained that Healthy Food Priority Areas will need to be designated.

DPIE Director Melinda Boling expressed support for CR-67-2019.

Lori Valentine, Director of Policy and Communications, from the Economic Development Corporation, who chairs the Food Truck Hub Oversight Committee spoke in support of the legislation.

The Office of Law found the legislation to be in proper form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement provided by Audits and Investigations determined that adoption of CR-67-2019 may have a negative fiscal impact on the County if implemented due to waiver of fees. However, this may have an indirect positive fiscal impact on the County as a result of the increase in access to healthy food options.