

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-040-2026

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy

Date: May 28, 2026

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Burroughs, Adams, Blegay, and Council Chair Oriadha)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on May 28, 2026, to consider CB-040-2026.

Staff provided an overview stating that CB-040-2026, the Human Trafficking Awareness Notice Act, seeks to strengthen public awareness and reporting of human trafficking within Prince George's County. The bill would require lodging establishments, including hotels and motels, to post a standardized human trafficking awareness notice in each guest room.

The intent of the signage is to provide information to guests and employees on how to recognize potential indicators of human trafficking and how to report suspected activity to the appropriate authorities. CB-040-2026 is part of the County's broader effort to support victim identification, encourage timely reporting, and enhance public safety through awareness-based prevention measures.

Roger Banegas, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst, presented the Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement for CB-040-2026, advising the Committee that enactment of the legislation will not have a direct fiscal impact on the County. The bill primarily imposes compliance obligations on private lodging establishments and does not establish a new County program or enforcement division. According to the Office of Human Rights, this bill creates no operational or financial impact for the Office.

While the legislation is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact, enactment of CB-040-2026 should have a favorable indirect impact on the County by enhancing local anti-trafficking efforts while promoting public safety and victim support services

A draft 2 was presented for the Committee's consideration and Mr. Leroy Maddox, Legislative Attorney, reviewed the proposed amendments: on line 2 of page 3 be prefaced with "if you are a victim call," and under the listing of UMD SAFE Center that two entities be added to the list of entities for victims to report to (1) The Prince George's County Family Justice Center – 301-780-8008; and (2) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center at Capital Region Health – 24 hour hotline (including human sex and labor trafficking) – 240-677-2337.

Council Member Olson, the bill sponsor, stated that the legislation was inspired by informational materials observed in a New York hotel room that provided resources and reporting information for victims and employees regarding human trafficking. He noted Prince George's County's location along the I-95 corridor and acknowledged that human trafficking remains an issue locally and nationally. Council Member Olson emphasized that the legislation is intended to raise awareness and provide accessible reporting resources, including phone numbers and text information, for individuals who may need assistance. Mr. Olson thanked the Office of Human Rights for their support of this legislation and for offering the proposed amendments.

The Office of Human Rights submitted written comments on the legislation, and Mr. Felipe Urquilla, Human Trafficking Division Manager, with the Office of Human Rights, attended the meeting to provide additional comments and respond to questions from the Committee.

The Office of Law finds the bill to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

The County Executive's Office expressed support for the bill as amended.

After discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 4-0 as amended on CB-040-2026 Draft 2.