

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement

CB-100-2024 Housing Authority

<u>CB-100-2024</u> (*Proposed and sponsored by:* The Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive)

Assigned to the Committee of the Whole (COW)

AN ACT CONCERNING Housing Authority for Prince George's County For the purpose of amending 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, and clarifying personnel provisions pertaining to employees of the Housing Authority.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact

Expenditures: No expenditure impact likely.

Revenue: No revenue impact likely.

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Indirect Impact

Likely favorable.

Legislative Summary:

CB-100-2024¹, proposed and sponsored by the Chair of the Council at the request of the County Executive, was presented on October 2, 2024, and was referred to the Committee of the Whole (COW). The proposed Bill would amend provisions of the Prince George's County Code related to separating the budgeting and personnel functions of the Housing Authority of Prince George's County from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Background/Current Law:

Currently, the Housing Authority operates under the budgeting and personnel functions of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Therefore, through the budget process, the DHCD budget includes the Authority's personnel, including compensation, fringe benefits, and operating costs.

§ 13-133² and § 13-134³ establish the Housing Authority of Prince George's County as the operating County's authority.

Resource Personnel:

- Angie Rodger, DCAO
- Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

CB-100-2024:

As drafted, if enacted, the proposed Bill would amend the Prince George's County Code Subtitle 15B Division 1 and add Sections 13-135, 13-136, and 13-137⁴.

¹ CB-100-2024

² § 15B-123

³ § 15B-124

⁴ Sections 13-135, 13-136 and 13-137 already exist already exist in <u>Subtitle 13, Division 3, Landlord-Tenant Relations</u> and should be renumbered in the Bill prior to enactment.

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- § 13-135 provides that the Housing Authority has the powers to adopt by-laws, rules or procedures and appoint an Executive Director with the consent of the County Executive.
- § 13-136 would provide that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) no longer establishes county-wide budgeting and human resource functions but separates them and specifically designates them as and for the Housing Authority. It will also allow the Housing Authority for Prince George's to appoint and remove temporary or contractual employees or agents as they see fit.
- § 13-137 provides that all County employees currently assigned to the Housing Authority through DHCD be transferred and deemed employees of the Housing Authority with the same classifications and designations. This section also provides that the executive director of the Housing Authority be the appointing authority for these employees.

The Housing Authority's FY 2025 budget is \$98,882,500, an increase of \$465,700 or 0.5% over the FY 2024 budget. As previously noted, it includes 75 full-time employees and one (1) limited-term grant-funded employee supporting the Housing Authority's functions.

Fiscal Impact:

• Direct Impact

Enactment of CB-100-2024 should not have a direct fiscal impact as it would shift the Housing Authority's personnel functions and budget operations from DHCD in the amount of \$98,882,500 to be reallocated to the Housing Authority as a separate entity.

• Indirect Impact

Enactment of CB-100-2024 is likely to have an indirect favorable fiscal impact as it would provide a more seamless process, allow the Housing Authority to manage its own budget and personnel functions, and reduce any burden on DHCD.

• Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget

N/A

Questions for Committee Consideration:

1. Will additional budgetary resources be required to separate functions for the Housing Authority and the Redevelopment Authority from the Department of Housing and Community Development?

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Effective Date of Proposed Legislation:

The Act shall take effect forty-five (45) days after it becomes law.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please reach out to me via phone or email.