

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-12-2024

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Committee: GOFP

Date: April 11, 2024

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 3-0-1 (Council Members Watson, Harrison, Dernoga) Abstained (Oriadha), Absent (Franklin)

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on April 11, 2024, to consider CB-12-2024, an act concerning procurement practices and revisions for the purpose of amending provisions of Subtitle 10A regarding administrative procedures, award of contracts, and economic development; generally relating to procurements subject to Subtitle 10A.

During the Committee session, Sakinda Skinner, County Council Liaison Office of the County Executive, introduced the other executive branch staff present, which included Chief Administrative Officer Tara Jackson, Office of Central Services Director Jonathon Butler, and Pam Dickerson, Deputy Director.

Director Jonathon Butler explained that the proposed legislation establishes two additional exemptions from procurement practices. The bill eliminates the Business Development Reserve Program and replaces it with the implementation of the Supply Schedule. This legislation creates a two-year period during which certifications remain valid. Finally, the bill lowers the County-based small business percentage bid discount to 12%, from 15%. The goal of the changes to the bid structure is to develop the Minority Business Enterprises in the county more effectively. However, despite the lower percentage, the hierarchy remains with County-based MBEs receiving the highest percentage.

County-based [small business] minority business enterprise 15%

County-based [minority business enterprise] small business [15%] 12%

County-based business 10%

Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantage Business Enterprise 5%

County-located business 3%

After further discussion of the rationale for the bid discount, additional exemptions, and technical amendments, the GOFP committee voted favorably 3-0-1.

