

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2026 Legislative Session**

Reference No.: CB-024-2026

Draft No.: 2

Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy

Date: April 9, 2026

Action: FAV (A)

**REPORT:**

Committee Vote: Favorable with Amendments 5-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Ivey, Blegay, and Adams)

CB-024-2026, co-sponsored by Council Members Adams-Stafford and Adams, was considered in the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee on April 9, 2026. Staff provided an overview of the bill establishing a Veterans-Owned Business Enterprise (VOBE) Program within Prince George's County's procurement framework. The purpose of the legislation is to expand contracting opportunities for veteran-owned businesses by formally incorporating them into the County's supplier diversity efforts.

The bill outlines participation goals to include certified veteran-owned businesses in County contracts and establishes certification requirements to ensure eligible businesses are properly recognized. It also provides for enforcement measures to support compliance with the program. In addition, the legislation introduces phased annual participation goals and authorizes the use of targeted procurement strategies to help increase utilization of certified veteran-owned business enterprises in County contracting.

A proposed Draft 2 was presented to the Committee for consideration.

Roger Banegas, Legislative Budget and Policy Analyst, presented an overview of the Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement. The enactment of CB-024-2026 will have an adverse fiscal impact due to the scope of implementation required. The Office of Procurement would be responsible for creating and administering a new participation program with additional compliance, monitoring, and reporting obligations, including maintaining a certification directory, tracking contractor performance, producing annual reports, maintaining a public dashboard, and enforcing participation requirements. Implementation would require additional staff (including compliance officers and certification reviewers), IT system changes, reporting infrastructure, and expanded training and outreach.

The enactment of CB-024-2026 should have a favorable indirect impact on the county. This legislation may strengthen the local economy by increasing participation of veteran-owned businesses in County contracting, supporting workforce reintegration, and expanding equitable access to procurement opportunities.

Council Member Adams-Stafford highlighted her personal connection as the granddaughter of two veterans and emphasized the sacrifices made by service members. She frames the bill as an opportunity to reinvest in veterans, particularly service-disabled veteran-owned businesses, and to expand access to county procurement opportunities.

Council Member Adams-Stafford notes the significant veteran population in the County and underscores the challenges facing small businesses. She expressed appreciation for the Office of Procurement and Director Williams for their collaboration in shaping the legislation.

Council Member Adams-Stafford provided testimony from a local veteran business owner, highlighting the value of procurement access in supporting economic growth and stability.

Council Member Adams expressed strong support for the legislation, thanking Council Member Adams-Stafford for advancing the bill. He emphasized that while veterans are widely honored during their service, they are often overlooked once they return to civilian life, stressing the importance of supporting them beyond duty. He noted that from personal experience employing veterans, their strong work ethic and innovation, framed the bill as both a way to support veterans and a broader economic development tool that expands access and opportunity within Prince George's County.

The Director of Procurement expressed full support for CB-024-2026 as amended, noting that the legislation has been carefully developed to ensure fairness and expand contracting opportunities for veteran-owned businesses. She emphasized that the language was crafted to avoid bottlenecks and ensure veterans can effectively access a fair share of contracts. She also emphasized that the bill aligns with existing federal and Maryland standards, enabling a streamlined and seamless implementation without the need for additional legislation.

The Office of Law representative stated that CB-024-2026 Proposed Draft 2 has been reviewed and is deemed legally sufficient with no impediments.

The Council Liaison, the Office of the County Executive, expressed support for the bill, particularly as amended, and acknowledged the collaboration with council staff in refining the legislation on behalf of the County Executive.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 5-0 on CB-024-2026 Proposed Draft 2.