

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 Legislative Session

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Committee: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy

Date: June 8, 2026

Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 3-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, and Adams)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on June 8, 2026, to consider CB-060-2026.

Staff provided an overview stating CB-060-2026, the Procurement Refinements Act, proposes updates to the County's procurement process by refining business certification requirements, centralizing waiver authority, and reducing redundant reporting requirements. The bill is intended to streamline procurement administration, improve efficiency, and reduce administrative burdens for both the County and participating businesses. CB-060-2026 also amends the Healthy Restaurant Program by replacing Experience Prince George's as the entity responsible for working with Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition.

Stephen Turman, Public Service Aide, District 8, presented the Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement prepared by Lavinia Baxter, Senior Legislative Budget & Policy Analyst.

The Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement indicates CB-060-2026 amends provisions of Subtitle 10A governing County purchasing and procurement activities. The legislation is intended to refine business certification requirements, centralize waiver authority, and reduce redundant reporting requirements in connection with the County's centralized procurement process.

According to the analysis, the legislation is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on County expenditures or revenues. The Analysis further notes that the bill may have a favorable indirect fiscal impact by streamlining procurement procedures, improving operational efficiency, reducing administrative burdens associated with reporting requirements and facilitating more timely contract awards. The analysis also indicates the legislation would eliminate provisions limiting certification to Prince George's County-based businesses and would - when no certified County-based vendor is available for purchases under \$250,000 - authorize the Purchasing Agent

to consider non-certified County vendors following appropriate market research. The administration advised these changes are intended to accelerate procurement cycles and enhance operational controls.

The Office of Law representative presented three (3) technical amendments to correct drafting errors in the legislation. The amendments revised an error on page 5 and corrected subsection references on pages 7 and 9.

During Committee discussion, members sought clarification regarding provisions affecting small purchases and the use of County-based businesses. Representatives from the Office of Procurement explained the legislation is intended, in part, to address issues resulting from prior amendments to the County's small purchase procedures. The Committee was advised the bill would provide greater flexibility in procurements under \$250,000 by allowing consideration of non-certified County-based vendors and, when necessary, non-County-based vendors (following appropriate market research) when certified County-based vendors are unavailable. Procurement representatives stated the proposed changes are intended to streamline purchasing processes while maintaining oversight and supporting efficient procurement operations.

The Office of Procurement further stated CB-060-2026 is intended to clean up and refine Subtitle 10A by correcting inconsistencies and ensuring alignment with prior legislation governing County procurement practices. The bill supports the Administration's broader goal of modernizing and streamlining procurement operations in Prince George's County.

During Committee discussion, the Office of Procurement advised procurement and contract award data would continue to be tracked and monitored. The Committee was further advised the Office of Procurement conducts ongoing outreach, training, and certification assistance to help businesses understand County procurement opportunities and requirements. Office of Procurement representatives emphasized these efforts are intended to promote transparency, increase vendor participation, and support County businesses seeking to do business with the County.

Committee members emphasized the importance of ensuring that businesses are aware of procurement opportunities and the resources available to assist them in navigating the County's procurement process.

After discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 3-0 on CB-060-2026, as amended.