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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

COUNTY AGENCY LEGISLATIVE COMMENT REQUEST FORM

Reviewing Agency:

Bill/Resolution Number: CB-027-2026

Brief Summary of the Bill/Resolution:

Please provide a brief description of the bill in your own words and do not cut and paste the bill's purpose section.

Fine Dining Incentive to attract more fine and upscale dining options in Prince Georges County Maryland, specifically inside the beltway.

Agency Impact:

Will this bill impact your Agency financially or operationally, or your Agency's mission?

Yes No Undeterminable at this time

If yes, please select the appropriate impact: Positive Impact Negative Impact No Impact

Discussion of Impact:

Focusing the bill inside the beltway creates an image of preferential treatment to municipalities that are outside the beltway.

Pros

- 1. Drives Economic Activity & Tax Revenue***
- 2. Supports Place-Making & Destination Appeal***
- 3. Attracts and Retains Affluent Consumers***
- 4. Job Creation (Higher Wage Potential)***
- 5. Strategic Use of Existing Program Infrastructure***
- 6. Time-Limited Pilot Structure***

Cons

- 1. Opportunity Cost of EDI Funds***
- 2. Equity & Inclusion Concerns***
- 3. Market Demand Uncertainty***
- 4. Geographic Concentration***
- 5. Definitional & Implementation Challenges***
- 6. Potential for Limited ROI***
- 7. Perception of Government Picking Winners***
- 8. Administrative & Reporting Burden***



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Key Considerations for Council Deliberation

- ***Set-Aside Size: What percentage of the EDI Fund is appropriate without limiting broader economic development goals?***
- ***Eligibility Criteria: How clearly and fairly is “fine dining” defined?***
- ***Performance Metrics: How will success be measured (revenue, jobs, retention, brand impact)?***
- ***Equity Measures: Are there pathways for minority-owned or local restaurateurs to participate?***
- ***Geographic Balance: Should flexibility exist beyond the Beltway focus?***
- ***Safeguards: Are there protections if businesses underperform or exit early?***

Additional info on pros and cons are attached to this memo or available by request from the EDC

Fiscal Impact: /SB

Please provide an estimate of the financial impact. For example, will this bill require you to hire more staff, create a computer system, etc?

This will require increased outreach, data sourcing and consulting efforts for the EDC staff mainly in the relation to attracting businesses that fit the bills criteria, assisting said business with regulatory efforts, educating brokers and restaurateurs on how this changes the current business climate, etc.

Agency Position Recommendation:

- Support Oppose Support with Amendments No position.

Please specify any suggested amendments in the space below?

Additional Information:

Has your agency been contacted by the State Department of Legislative Services staff regarding this proposal?

- Yes No

If yes, please provide comments about the discussion.

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