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COMMITTEE REPORT

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REPORT: Favorable 4-0: Council Members Burroughs, Franklin, Ivey, and Turner. Absent: Streeter.

The Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on September 14, 2022, to consider CB-051-2022. CB-051-2022 establishes a Diversity and Equity Policy for developments subsidized by county-sourced or administered tax dollars, known as a Supplier Diversity and Equity Plan, including requirements for supplier diversity in contracting, local hiring requirements, and local minority equity requirements in certain circumstances, subject to the approval of the County MBE Compliance Manager. CB-051-2022 also contains enforcement and reporting provisions. The bill's lead sponsor, Council Member Franklin, has Proposed Draft 2 of CB-051-2022, which makes modifications due to the administration's and private stakeholders' feedback. Draft 2 allows the percentage requirements of the legislation to be flexible, subject to the approval of the MBE Compliance Manager, for projects receiving \$1,000,000 but less than \$5,000,000 in county subsidies. In addition, Draft 2 also modestly lowers the supplier diversity percentage requirements for projects receiving \$5,000,000 or more in county subsidies and raises the threshold for the bill's local equity requirements kicking into \$10,000,000 in upfront receipt of a county subsidy while creating additional ways of meeting the local equity requirements, among other modest changes to definitions in the bill.

The Office of Law reports CB-051-2022 to be in proper legislative form with no impediments to its enactment.

The Policy Group reports that the enactment of CB-051-2022 would have an adverse direct fiscal impact in the form of increased administrative costs.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council's Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CB-051-2022 out favorably 4-0, as amended.