PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-92-2025
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	GOFP
Date:	October 23, 2025
Action:	FAV (A)

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorably with amendments, 3-0 (Council Members Watson, Oriadha and Dernoga) Excused Absence: Burroughs and Blegay

The Prince George's County Council, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on October 23, 2025 to consider CR-092-2025 a resolution concerning a feasibility study for a county-owned grocery store pilot program for the purpose of authorizing the development and completion of a six-month feasibility study to evaluate the potential for establishing a County-owned and operated grocery store in Prince George's County; assessing site selection, financial viability, operational models, and community impact; and ensuring the store operates on a cost-neutral basis to the County.

During the meeting, council staff and a local food vendor provided a briefing that detailed existing resources and case studies for similar municipally owned grocery stores and presented suggestions for the County's success owning a store.

The Office of Law reviewed CR-92-2025 and finds it to be in proper legislative form and sees no legal impediment to its adoption.

Ms. Sonia Owens, representing the Office of the County Executive, expressed support for the legislation.

Council Vice Chair Oriadha shared some of her work experiences in the food industry that inspired the legislation and thanked the Administration for its support.

One amendment was approved on page 1 line 20 that updates the reference to Central Services to the current agency responsible, the Redevelopment Authority.

After further discussion, the Prince George's County Council's Government

Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CR-92-2025 out of committee favorably, 3-0, with amendments.