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Policy and Fiscal Analysis Statement

TO: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee

THRU: Nathaniel K. Tutt III
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FROM: Caleb Callender
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RE: Policy Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement
CR-086-2026 Government Transparency, Performance, and Accountability Workgroup

CR-086-2026 (Proposed by and introduced by Councilmembers Oriadha, Adams, and Olson)

Assigned to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY, PERFORMANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY WORKGROUP for the purpose of establishing a workgroup to review County agency performance data and make recommendations for periodic performance reporting requirements.

Fiscal Summary

Direct Impact:

Expenditures: No anticipated expenditures.

Revenues: No anticipated revenues

Indirect Impact:

None.

Legislative Summary:

CR-086-2026[1], proposed by Councilmember Oriadha and sponsored by Councilmembers Oriadha, Adams, and Olson was introduced on September 1, 2026, and referred to the Government, Operations, and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee. This resolution would establish a Workgroup dedicated to improving the performance reporting protocols for County agencies. The workgroup will recommend quantitative data points to be reported by each agency, and qualitative support for selected data points. Additionally, the workgroup will determine the frequency for each report, as well as the most effective manner to make the performance data available to the public.

Current Law/Background:

Section 506 of the County Charter grants the County Council the ability to appoint, for designated periods, one or more temporary advisory boards of citizens of the County who shall assist in the consideration of County policies and procedures.

CB-010-2023[2] established the County's Open Data policy, which required the County make certain public data sets available through a web portal. The bill required the County to maintain and enhance the Open Data Portal, as well as develop an Open Data Plan.

Other Local Jurisdictions:
In Baltimore County, the Office of Government Reform and Strategic Initiatives was created to foster transparency, openness and accountability across all County departments.[3] The office is tasked with overseeing program reviews of department functions, supporting the development of outcome budgeting, and spearheading an open data initiative. The Office will also create and manage BCSTAT, the County's first data-driven performance management program.

Resource Personnel:

- Josh Hamlin, Legislative Officer
- Tre'von Sawyers, Chief of Staff, District 7

Discussion/Policy Analysis:

[1] Prince George's County – CR-086-2026
[2] Prince George's County – CB-010-2023
[3] Baltimore County Government

This resolution will establish a workgroup dedicated to strengthening transparency, accountability, and performance reporting across County government. The workgroup will be tasked with developing recommendations for standardized performance measures and reporting requirements that County agencies can use to demonstrate progress toward their goals and provide meaningful information about the services they deliver.

The workgroup's recommendations will assist the Council in evaluating agency performance, identifying areas where improvements may be needed, and ensuring that County resources are being used effectively and in accordance with established priorities. By establishing consistent expectations for agency reporting, the County can create a clearer framework for measuring outcomes and assessing the effectiveness of County programs and services.

The resulting performance reports would provide the County Council with a regular and comprehensive means of evaluating agency performance and holding agencies accountable for their responsibilities. Equally important, making this information accessible to the public would allow constituents to better understand how County government operates, what services agencies provide, how resources are being utilized, and how effectively agencies are meeting established objectives.

Greater transparency among County agencies can contribute to broader transparency throughout County government. When residents have access to clear, timely, and understandable information about government operations and performance, they are better positioned to engage with their government and participate meaningfully in the public process.[4] Transparency can also help strengthen public trust by providing constituents with greater insight into how decisions are made and how County government is performing.

Composition of the Workgroup

The Government Transparency, Performance, and Accountability Workgroup shall be comprised of nine (9) members, as follows:

1. one (1) representative of the County Council selected by the Chair of the Council, who shall be designated Co-Chair of the Workgroup;
2. each of the five (5) Deputy Chief Administrative Officers or their respective designees; and
3. three (3) members of the general public selected by the Chair of the Council.

Reporting

The Workgroup shall study and make findings and recommendations on the following matters related to agency performance reporting:

1. quantitative data points to be reported by each agency;
2. qualitative support for the recommended data points;
3. the frequency of recommended reporting;
4. the most effective means of making performance data available to the public; and

[4] The Importance of Transparency in Government

5. any other matters that will improve government accountability, both internally and externally.

Additionally, the Workgroup shall transmit its findings and recommendations to the County Council not later than twelve (12) months after the date of its first meeting. The Workgroup shall cease to exist ninety (90) days after the transmittal of its findings and recommendations.

Fiscal Impact:

- *Direct Impact*

Adoption of CR-086-2026 will have no direct fiscal impact.

- *Indirect Impact*

Adoption of CR-086-2026 will promote accountability across County agencies while increasing transparency with County residents.

- *Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year*

  N/A

Effective Date:

The proposed resolution shall be effective the day it is signed into law.

If you require additional information or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.