



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

HB 1424 Public-Private Partnerships - Process and Oversight
Delegates Solomon, et al.
Environment &
Transportation
Committee/Appropriations
Committee

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 1424 – Public-Private Partnerships - Process and Oversight – FOR the purpose of establishing the Public-Private Partnership Oversight Review Board; requiring a certain reporting agency to include in presolicitation reports for certain public-private partnerships presolicitation reports of certain contracts and a certain environmental impact statement under certain circumstances; requiring certain presolicitation reports to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee; prohibiting the Board of Public Works, under certain circumstances, from designating a public-private partnership; etc.

This bill establishes a process for review, designation and evaluation of a proposed public private partnership (P3) with a total value that exceeds \$500,000,000, prior to solicitation of bidders by a government agency. This review is conducted by a nine-member P3 Oversight Review Board with 2 members appointed by the House, 2 members appointed by the Senate, 3 members appointed by the Governor, along with the Comptroller and State Treasurer. This oversight board reviews a presolicitation report that must include specified information on each contract required in the agreement (including a completed Environmental Impact Statement that meets the National Environmental Policy Act requirements) prior to recommending designation of the project as a P3. This recommendation is provided to the Board of Public Works as well as the House and Senate Budget Committees.

HB 1424 will provide the necessary level of transparency and orderly development and approval of P3 agreements with the input of all appropriate parties. This legislation will also significantly tighten financial controls over public infrastructure assets valued in excess of \$500,000,000. The input of the proposed Oversight Board and the General Assembly in addition to the Board of Public Works provides a balanced, deliberative process that allows consideration of all relevant factors prior to moving forward with solicitation.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1424** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of this legislation.

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