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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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**Senate Bill 564 – Consolidation of the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council  
for the Procurement of Health, Educational and Social Services**

**Testimony of Senator Melony G. Griffith (Favorable)**

Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman and members of the Senate Finance Committee, I am pleased to present Senate Bill 564, which merges the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Education and Social Services.

SB 564 will:

1. Alter the duties and membership of the Procurement Improvement Council and will ensure the State's procurement system utilizes the most innovative procurement and management techniques.
2. Streamline communication between State units, with an emphasis on the dissemination of current information and advances in procurement methods and management, aimed to provide a forum to discuss issues and problems relating to procurement officer training, risk analysis and insurance requirements and management of eMaryland Marketplace Advantage, and other internet procurement resources.
3. Repeal the laws relating to the council for the Procurement of Health, Educational and Social Services and state the intent of the General Assembly.

By enacting SB 564, there will be one Procurement Council following procurement reform, which will continue to carry out major procurements, under delegated authority. Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 564. I respectfully request a favorable report.

**2021 SB 564 PIC-CPHESS Consolidation DGS LOI EHEA**

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**BILL:** **Senate Bill 564** - Consolidation of the Procurement Improvement Council and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

**DATE:** February 17, 2021

**POSITION:** Letter of Information

Upon review of Senate Bill 564, the Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments.

The purpose of Senate Bill 564 is to create greater efficiencies and streamline the duties of several agency members that overlap between two councils, the Procurement Improvement Council (PIC) and the Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services (CPHESS). The bill aims to combine the two councils thus creating greater cooperation between the State, local government, and the public and to work together to improve procurement processes and reduce duplicative efforts by council members.

The PIC is statutorily responsible for making recommendations for legislative and regulatory changes whereas the CPHESS does not enjoy that responsibility and would have to request the PIC for assistance with any recommendations for change it wanted to pursue. The CPHESS has worked for a number of years to fulfill its duties and reported that it concurred with the efforts to combine the councils.

Going forward, any outstanding efforts from the CPHESS will be addressed by the PIC or the newly formed Maryland Efficient Grant Application (MEGA) Council, charged with making recommendations for efficiencies and best practices to the State's grant processes and to assist grant-using agencies and grant recipients.

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