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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.