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**BILL NO.: HB 145**

**TITLE:** State Finance and Procurement - Prevailing Wage - Stop Work Orders

**SPONSOR:** Delegate Crosby

**COMMITTEE:** Economic Matters

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** January 25, 2022

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 145 – State Finance and Procurement –Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders. This legislation would enforce prevailing wage requirements by allowing for stop work orders when a public works contractor or subcontractor has violated these rules.

All residents of Maryland deserve to be paid a fair and livable wage. Policies such as standard rate of pay and stop work orders are essential to protecting workers. Understanding this necessity, Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski worked to pass local prevailing wage legislation to support Baltimore County’s workforce. This ensured that those who contract with the Baltimore County provide a living wage to their staff, while also producing significant secondary economic benefits.

House Bill 145 protects prevailing wage requirements throughout the state by allowing for a stop work order if requirements are violated. Under this proposed legislation, public works contractors may release subcontractors without penalty if they are found to be in violation of prevailing wage requirements. The Commissioner of Labor may also impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for every day the stop work order is violated. This legislation ensures that all contracted or subcontracted workers maintaining public facilities are paid fairly for their work.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 145. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at [jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov).