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Testimony in Support of SB451 - Procurement Improvement Council – Membership
Budget and Taxation Committee - February 22, 2023

I want to thank Senator Griffith for sponsoring this important legislation to allow for the expansion of the Procurement Improvement Council. I am grateful for her leadership, and I look forward to working in partnership to improve the procurement process in the state to ensure it is fair and equitable for all.

What the bill does

HB429/SB451 simply alters the membership of the Procurement Improvement Council to add the Comptroller.

Why the bill is important

The Procurement Improvement Council (PIC) was created in 2017 to ensure that the State is addressing procurement policies and procedures, and to advise the General Assembly and the Board of Public Works on potential legislation that would enhance the efficiency and transparency of State procurement. The PIC meets quarterly with stakeholders to hear their concerns about State procurement and to inform their advice to the General Assembly and the Board of Public Works.

The Comptroller is the figure tasked with providing procurement resources to Maryland's businesses and has an important seat on the Board of Public Works. And yet, the Comptroller is not currently a member of the Procurement Improvement Council.

Why you should vote for this bill

Streamlining the state procurement system will ensure that businesses want to do business with the State, and the Comptroller has the power to make changes to achieve that goal. Giving the Comptroller the opportunity to hear from stakeholders and work through their challenges with a team of procurement experts would allow for the timely development of better procurement policies. **I urge a favorable report on HB429/SB451.**



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BILL: Senate Bill 451 - Procurement Improvement Council - Membership

COMMITTEE: Senate Budget and Taxation

DATE: February 22, 2023

POSITION: Support

Upon review of Senate Bill 451 - Procurement Improvement Council - Membership, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS), provides these comments for your consideration.

This bill adds the Comptroller to the Procurement Improvement Council (PIC) membership. The PIC was created per Chapter 590, Laws of Maryland 2017 (House Bill 1021), effective October 1, 2019. The purpose of the PIC is to ensure that the State is addressing various procurement policies and procedures related to State procurement and to advise the General Assembly on proposed legislation in order to enhance the efficiency and transparency of State procurement. The PIC meets quarterly with stakeholders to address any concerns related to State procurement. The PIC meets quarterly with several dozen stakeholders from state agencies, local government, procurement units, legislators, and members of the general public to address any concerns related to state procurement.

Currently, the State Treasurer is a statutory member of the PIC, adding the Comptroller would provide additional benefits to the PIC, including critical insight into improvements that can be made to the State's procurement process and issues facing businesses.

DGS supports the amendment offered by the sponsor to provide a forum for the discussion of strategies to increase the participation of small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses on procurement contracts, based on the recommendation of the Attorney General.

DGS supports Senate Bill 451 and urges a favorable report.

For additional information, contact Ellen Robertson at 410-260-2908.

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RE: SB 451 - Procurement Improvement Council – Membership (**Support with Amendment**)

The Office of the Attorney General “OAG” requests a favorable with amendment report on Chair Griffith’s Senate Bill 451. Senate Bill 451 would add the Comptroller as a member of the Procurement Improvement Council “PIC” and authorize the Comptroller to send a designee to the PIC if the Comptroller is unable to attend. The OAG respectfully requests a friendly amendment to SB 451, whereby the Attorney General (or his designee) be added the PIC, as well.

We respectfully request a favorable with amendment report on SB 451, such that the Attorney General or his designee is added to the PIC.

cc: The Hon. Finance Chair Melony Griffith & Committee Members

This bill letter is a statement of the Office of Attorney General’s policy position on the referenced pending legislation. For a legal or constitutional analysis of the bill, Members of the House and Senate should consult with the Counsel to the General Assembly, Sandy Brantley. She can be reached at 410-946-5600 or sbrantley@oag.state.md.us.

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**Testimony of Senator Melony G. Griffith in Support of Senate Bill 451
Procurement Improvement Council – Membership
Budget and Taxation Committee
Wednesday, February 22, 2023**

Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, I am pleased to present Senate Bill 451.

Background: Since 2017, there have been efforts to update Maryland's procurement operations.

The mission of the Procurement Improvement Council is to maximize transparency, accountability, insight, and trust in state procurement activities.

In the 2019 report of the President's Advisory Workgroup on Equity and Inclusion, members made recommendations that were adopted in 2020. One recommendation added appointees to the council, who were named by the presiding officers. (Representatives from the Executive Branch and the Office of the State Treasurer are already members of the council.)

SB451 adds the Comptroller to the Procurement Improvement Council. I have also provided for your consideration, an amendment to the bill. If adopted, the mission of the Procurement Improvement Council will be expanded to include strategies to increase the participation of small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in procurement contracts.

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 451. I respectfully request a favorable report.

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BY: Senator Griffith
(To be offered in the Budget and Taxation Committee)

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 451
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, in line 29, strike “and”; after line 29, insert:

“(VI) STRATEGIES TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION OF
SMALL, MINORITY-OWNED, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN PROCUREMENT
CONTRACTS; AND”;

and in line 30, strike “(vi)” and substitute “(VII)”.