

Good Afternoon Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Health and Government Operations committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County. I am here today to present Senate Bill 510, Massage Therapy - Definition and Reimbursement.

The purpose of this bill is to Require the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State government on the units' performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program, to establish a certain grading scale for the scorecard and require grades achieved by each unit to be published each year on the Office's website.

According to witness testimony from the Governor's Office of Small, Minority and Women Business Affairs (GOSBA), "SB 510 requires this office to develop a scorecard to evaluate units of State Government on the units' performance toward meeting certain participation goals under the Minority Business Enterprise Program and the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program. The proposed legislation also establishes a certain grading scale for the scorecard and requires the grades from each unit of state government to be included in GOSBA's annual report."

At the request of GOSBA, this bill has been amended to require that scorecard grades be published each year on GOSBA's website and to include A GRADING SCALE DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE AS A WEIGHTED SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES EACH UNIT'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARD MEETING THE STATEWIDE:

- (1) MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOAL; AND
- (2) VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL"

Cross-file: HB 816

Thank you to Chair Pena-Melnyk and Vice Chair Cullison for the opportunity to present Senate Bill 510, Procurement – Minority Business Enterprises and Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises – Participation Goal Scorecard, and I ask for your favorable report.