

***HB 304 - State Procurement - Transparency and Procedures***

**Position:** Support

**Committee:** Budget and Taxation

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The Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) supports HB 304. DGS appreciates the Delegate's bill to amend various parts of the State Finance and Procurement (SFP) Article to modify the State procurement process. The Governor's Office has submitted the Procurement Reform Act of 2025 (PRA) that seeks to reform State procurement to be more streamlined, efficient, and transparent.

In support of HB 304, DGS, on behalf of the Governor's Office, worked collaboratively with the bill sponsor to develop amendments to align HB 304 with the PRA. Those amendments were adopted by the Health and Government Operations Committee and incorporated into the Third Reader of HB 304 as it passed in the House of Delegates.

For the reasons detailed above, DGS requests a favorable report on HB 304.