



Wes Moore, Governor | Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor | Atif Chaudhry, Secretary

HB 662 - Procurement - Master Contracting - Authorization

Position: Support with Amendments
Committee: Health and Government Operations
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The Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) supports HB 662 with amendments which have been developed collaboratively with the sponsor to fulfill the bill's legislative intent. The legislation, as introduced, would have had unintended consequences, such as increased costs for agencies that choose to do their own master contract procurements.

Following the bill's introduction, DGS reached out to the sponsor and worked to develop amendments aligned with the sponsor's legislative intent. The sponsor's amendments would establish a new section within the State Finance and Procurement Article focusing on authorizing State agencies to conduct a procurement solicitation that allows a unit to make multiple contract awards and assign work orders without using master contracting.

DGS is confident that the sponsor's amendments will achieve the intent of the legislation without any unintended impacts on other aspects of state procurement law. Again, DGS endorses the original intent of the sponsor in introducing this legislation, and appreciates the opportunity to work collaboratively to craft amendments to accomplish this goal.

For the reasons detailed above, DGS requests a favorable report on HB 662 with the sponsor's amendments.

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