



House Bill 1158

Contracts for Infrastructure or Asset Management
– Contract Duration

Calvert County Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

Date: March 10, 2026

From: Calvert County
Board of County Commissioners

The Honorable Mellisa Wells, Chair
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

RE: HB 1158 – Contracts for Infrastructure or Asset Management – Contract Duration

Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr and Committee Members:

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) writes in **support of House Bill 1158, with amendments**, and respectfully requests a **favorable** committee report.

This legislation is important to Calvert County because it would allow Calvert County to enter into certain long-term contracts for infrastructure and asset management and provide Calvert County with greater flexibility in how it procures and manages major infrastructure and asset services. The bill will allow longer-term contractual arrangements that might not otherwise be permitted under general State procurement rules. The bill would allow the County to enter into infrastructure or asset management contracts and/or programs for assets with a life cycle of at least 15 years, such as water towers, flow meters, and other water and sewer infrastructure. This legislation aligns with the county's long-term infrastructure priorities.

HB 1158, as proposed, is recommended with the following amendments:

- Strike §6-103(e)(1) AND §6-103(e)(2) in its entirety. The language is redundant and more restrictive than the provisions proposed under HB 1155.

The BOCC believes this measure provides a reasonable and effective approach that balances statewide objectives with local needs.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this legislation. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact County Administrator Linda Turner at 410-535-1600.