



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Testimony on Council Bill No. xxx-2026, an Act expanding the Property Tax Credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers who have retired from a public safety agency in Howard County.

To: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

From: Rafiu Ighile *ROI*
Director of Finance

Date: August 20, 2026

The purpose of this legislation is to broaden eligibility for the Public Safety Officer Credit so that it also applies to real property owned by certain retired Public Safety Officers who previously served with a public safety agency in Howard County.

Howard County currently has 114 retired public safety officers. If all eligible retirees are homeowners and receive the maximum credit of \$2,500, the estimated annual fiscal impact would be approximately \$285,000. This credit provides meaningful support to those who have served the community, helping reduce their housing costs and reinforcing the county's commitment to its public safety workforce.