



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

SUBJECT: Council Testimony and Fiscal Impact Statement
Re: Changes to County Code Section 1.306

TO: Brandee Ganz
Chief Administrative Officer

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Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

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DATE: June 19, 2024

The Administration supports and urges the passage of Council Bill ___-2024 which proposes to amend County Code Section 1.306. This legislation reflects changes made in the Executive Reorganization recently enacted by the passage of Council Bill No. 7-2024 (CB7).

CB7 established an Office of Agriculture to be run by an Administrator under the general supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer. Likewise, the position of the Consumer Protection Administrator was moved to the Department of County Administration to be supervised by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Section 1.306 of the County Code lists the appointing authorities for various executive exempt positions. The two Administrators listed above need to be added to the list of appointments made by the Chief Administrative Officer. The Consumer Protection Administrator needs to be removed from the list of appointments made by the Director of Community Resources and Services, consistent with CB7.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact to this Bill as it is implementing the Executive Reorganization already enacted by CB7 and associated costs were included in the approved FY25 budget.