



# Howard County

*Internal Memorandum*

SUBJECT: Council Testimony and Fiscal Impact Statement  
Amendment to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

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The Administration supports and urges the passage of Council Bill No. \_\_\_\_-2024 to add the Administrator of the Office of Consumer Protection (“OCP”) as an ex-officio member of the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency (“Board”). The Bill also adjusts the number of members accordingly.

When OCP was a part of the Department of Community Resources and Services (“DCRS”), the Administrator could serve as the designee of the Director of DCRS and have OCP’s feedback presented to the Board through DCRS representation. Now that OCP is a standalone office within County Administration, the Administration proposes to add representation from OCP directly onto the Board.

The Board supports efforts to build a community that enables individuals and families to have adequate income and resources to meet their basic needs; acts as the planning and coordinating mechanism for initiatives to promote the economic stability of individuals and families and acts to reduce the incidence of poverty in Howard County. Input from the OCP is integral in the Board’s role and function.

Fiscal Impact:  
There is no fiscal impact to this Resolution.