

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1089

Relating to Universal Health Governance Plan Board

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

Senate Bill 1089 establishes the Universal Health Plan Governance Board within the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The Board is tasked with designing the administrative structure for the Universal Health Plan, assessing institutional readiness, and collaborating with stakeholders such as hospitals, healthcare providers, insurers, and coordinated care organizations. They are also required to develop a plan for establishing an independent public corporation and a separate trust fund. The Board will provide annual reports to the Legislative Assembly beginning December 1st, 2024 and present a comprehensive plan for Universal Health Plan implementation to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor by September 15, 2026.

The -A2 amendment adds \$1,442,576 General Fund appropriation to the DCBS budget and \$412,870 General Fund appropriation to the OHA budget to support the measure's fiscal impact, which includes the cost of three permanent positions and two limited duration positions.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 1089 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.