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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE**

### **Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation**

**To:** Members, Anne Arundel County Council

**From:** Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

**Date:** May 4, 2026

**Subject:** Resolution No. 10-26 – Resolution Endorsing Financial Assistance from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund to Holly Poultry, Inc.

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This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Resolution No. 10-26.

#### **Summary**

This Resolution, introduced at the request of the Administration on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Economic Development Corporation (“AAEDC”), endorses a conditional loan from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund (“MEDAF”) of the Maryland Department of Commerce in the amount of \$750,000 to Holly Poultry, Inc. (“Holly Poultry”) to be used to expand its manufacturing and packaging operations into the County. Md. Code Ann., Econ. Dev. § 5-319(c) and (d) require that the governing body of the jurisdiction in which a project is located endorse the financial assistance to be provided from MEDAF by formal resolution. Anne Arundel County Code §1014 requires that whenever state law confers a duty on the County by language referencing "the local governing body, any action required of the County shall be taken by the County Executive and then referred to the County Council for confirmation. The County Executive endorses the financial assistance that Holly Poultry, Inc. has requested of the State.

Holly Poultry is a fresh local supplier of poultry-based products, including beef, pork and specialty commodities. It has operated in Baltimore City since the 1960's and is expanding its manufacturing and packaging operation to Hanover. The Project costs are estimated at \$2,240,000 for machinery, equipment, software, furniture, fixtures, tenant improvements and other associated costs. Holly Poultry will hire 140 full-time permanent employees by December

**Note: This Legislative and Fiscal Summary provides a synopsis of the legislation as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the legislation.**

31, 2030 Eligible expenses include real property acquisition and the acquisition, construction, or installation of machinery, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, leasehold improvements, site improvements, or infrastructure improvements at the Project Site.

The Department of Commerce requires that the local jurisdiction participate with a 10% match of any funds dispersed by the state through the MEDAAF program to Anne Arundel County companies. Therefore, AAEDC will contribute \$75,000 in the form of a conditional loan. This expansion will result in 140 new jobs and over \$2.2M in capital expenditures, supporting local employment, increasing economic activity, and contributing to the County's tax base.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Resolution is to confirm the County's support for a \$750,000 conditional loan to Holly Poultry, Inc. from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund of the Maryland Department of Commerce for Holly Poultry's expansion into Anne Arundel County.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Please see the Fiscal Note prepared by the Budget Office for a full explanation of the fiscal impact of this Resolution.

#### **Additional Information**

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Resolution. Specific questions should be directed to Amy Gowan or Christina Holliday, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, or Lori Blair Klaismeier, Office of Law. Thank you.

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