



# Maryland Food Security Resilience Council

## Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

### Agenda

Jan 18, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Michael J. Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
2. Bills for Review - Anna Sierra
  - a. New this week:
    - i. [HB0178](#) - Public Health - Cottage Food Businesses - Annual Revenues (Delegate Chang). Assigned to HGO, 1/19, 2:30pm.
    - ii. [SB0014/HB0100](#) - Sustainable Maryland Program Fund (Senator Elfreth/Delegate Solomon). Hearing 1/25 in House Appropriations. Assigned to Senate EHE, no hearing yet.
    - iii. [SB0039](#) - Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Returning State Meat Processing Inspection (Farms Buy Local Act) (Senator Cassilly). Assigned to EHE, no hearing yet.
    - iv. [SB0256/HB0031](#) - MEA - Resiliency Hub Grant Program and Fund (Senator Beidle/Delegate Charkoudian). Assigned to Senate Finance, no hearing yet. Assigned to House Economic Matters, no hearing yet.
    - v. [SB0263](#) - Health - Food Service Facilities - Beverage Options with Children's Meals (Senator Beidle). Assigned to Senate Finance, no hearing yet.
  - b. Updates:
    - i. New information for [HB0156](#) from Delegate Queen via Sydney Daigle:
      1. *This bill was inspired by the [Million Acre Challenge](#), which is an initiative building soil health, water quality, and farm profitability in Maryland while making farms resilient in the face of climate change. This bill would create urban agriculture incentive zones which allows municipalities to offer certain incentives (reduced water/electricity prices, tax reductions, etc). This bill is modeled on a similar bill*



*passed in Illinois. "Locally-Grown" is being used to broadly refer to jurisdictions in Maryland. The specifics of the application process is being left to local jurisdictions, as they would best know what metrics would be appropriate. The bill would require the application procedure to identify the number of jobs created, maintained, or supported, but does not specify a minimum number. If a minimum number was created it would be determined by local governments. If you have suggestions on how to strengthen, clarify, or improve this bill please provide them and we will certainly consider them.*

- ii. Hearing has been set for [SB0124](#) - Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste
- 3. Hearing Schedule Week of 1/17
  - a. 1/19 - House
    - i. [HB0147](#) - Maryland Farms and Families Fund, Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program, and Maryland Farm-to-School Meal Grant Pilot Program - Alterations and Establishment (Environment and Transportation; 13:00)
    - ii. [HB0156](#) - Local Governments - Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones - Authorization (Environment and Transportation; 13:00)
  - b. 1/19 - Senate
    - i. [SB0124](#) - Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; 13:00)



## 2022 Legislation Full List

Bill #	Cross-file	Title	Sponsor	Hearing Date
<a href="#">HB0147</a>	SB0121	Maryland Farms and Families Fund, Maryland Food and Agricultural Resiliency Mechanism Grant Program, and Maryland Farm-to-School Meal Grant Pilot Program - Alterations and Establishment	Del. Charkoudian Senator Hester	House Hearing 1/19, 13:00 (Environment & Transportation)
<p><i>Discussion:</i> No discussion <i>Recommendation:</i> Support</p>				
<a href="#">HB0150</a>	<a href="#">SB0124</a>	Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste	Dels. Charkoudian and Solomon Senator Hettleman	Senate Hearing 1/19, 13:00 (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) No House Hearing set as of 1/14
<p><i>Discussion:</i> Consensus that this bill aligns with the FSRC goals. Highlighted the equity focus and food refusal capability. <i>Recommendation:</i> Support</p>				
<a href="#">HB0156</a>		Local Governments - Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones - Authorization	Delegate Queen	Hearing 1/19, 13:00 (Environment &



				Transportation)
<p><i>Discussion:</i> Some questions about this bill, particularly surrounding the boundaries of the zones and the definition of "local."</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Sydney will reach out for more information.</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Monitor</p>				
<a href="#">HB0171</a>	SB0135	Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo Senator Kramer	No hearing date in either chamber set as of 1/14
<p><i>Discussion:</i> No discussion</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Monitor</p>				
<a href="#">HB0179</a>		Counties and State Legislative Districts - Food Environment Reports	Del. Amprey	1/25, 13:00 (Environment & Transportation)
<p><i>Discussion:</i> Interest in understanding more about motivation of the legislators, and believe not including restaurants and prepared food is a missed opportunity.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Sydney offered to reach out for additional information. Delegate Queen's office responded on 1/12</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i> Monitor</p>				
<a href="#">HB0184</a>		Environment - On-Farm Composting Facilities - Permit Exemption	Del. Shetty	2/2, 13:00 (Environment & Transportation)



*Discussion:* Dr. Lansing believes it removes the requirement to place a concrete pad, thus reducing the cost of on-farm composting.  
*Action:* Dr. Lansing offered to reach out and get additional information on this bill to confirm understanding.  
*Recommendation:* Monitor

		iii. Public Health - Cottage Food Businesses - Annual Revenues	Del. Chang	House Hearing 2/2, 13:00 (Environment & Transportation) None in the Senate as of 1/14
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*Discussion:*  
*Recommendation:*

		Sustainable Maryland Program Fund vi.	Senator Elfreth Delegate Solomon	House Hearing 1/25, 13:00 (Appropriations) None in the Senate as of 1/14
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*Discussion:*  
*Recommendation:*

		ix. Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Returning	x. Se nat	xi. Assigned to
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		State Meat Processing Inspection (Farms Buy Local Act)	or Cas sill y	EHE, no hearin g yet
<p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p>				
		xiv. MEA - Resiliency Hub Grant Program and Fund	xv. Se nat or Bei dle xvi. Del eg ate Ch ark ou dia n	Assigned to Senate Finance, no hearing yet. Assigned to House Economic Matters, no hearing yet.
<p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p>				



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			xix. Health - Food Service Facilities - Beverage Options with Children's Meals	xx. Senator Beidle	xxi. Assigned to Senate Finance, no hearing yet
<i>Discussion:</i>					
<i>Recommendation:</i>					