



Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

Agenda

Feb 22, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Michael J. Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
2. Bills for Review - Anna Sierra
 - a. New this week:
 - i. [HB1027 \(SB0921\)](#) - Food Supplement Benefits - Students - Eligibility (SNAP for Students). Requiring the Department of Human Services to provide food supplement benefits to certain students enrolled in an institution of higher education who meet a certain eligible income threshold; etc. *House hearing 3/10, Appropriations (Testimony due 3/8); no Senate hearing scheduled.*
 - ii. [HB1163](#) - Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Education - Requirements. Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to design a certain course of training in the pedagogy of virtual education; requiring the State Department of Education to provide local school systems with guidance related to the periodic professional development and support for teachers to achieve virtual education best practice principles; establishing the Flip the Classroom Pilot Program; etc. *Hearing 3/9, Ways and Means (Testimony due 3/7).*
 - iii. [HB1216](#) - Department of Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Grant Fund. Altering the purpose and contents of and the requirements and qualifications under the Urban Agriculture Grant Fund; requiring nonprofit organizations that receive a grant for purposes of distribution to urban agricultural producers to distribute at least 85% of the grant amount to secure real property that has the infrastructure to grow food, to maintain environmentally sustainable practices, and to make capital improvement to support viable urban agriculture enterprises.



Hearing 3/4, Environment and Transportation (Testimony due 3/2).

- iv. [HB1228](#) - Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate. Establishing various programs, goals, research requirements, planning requirements, and funding requirements related to oyster spat, oyster shells, and oyster substrate; requiring the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to provide loans and grants up to a certain amount to finance the eligible costs of certain eligible seafood processing projects; replacing the oyster shell recycling tax credit with an annual grant program administered by the Department of Natural Resources; etc. *Hearing 3/4, Environment and Transportation.*

- b. Updates:
 - i. [SB0378](#) - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. *Reported favorably with amendments. Next step will be a Senate floor vote.*
 - ii. [HB0855 \(SB0942\)](#) - Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund - Establishment. *Cross-filed in the Senate, hearing date not set.*
 - iii. [HB0456 \(SB0957\)](#) - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement. *Cross-filed in the Senate, hearing date not set.*



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3. Hearing Schedule Week of 2/22 - 2/25

Bill# (Crossfile)	Title	Sponsor(s)	Hearing Schedule	Notes
Support				
SB0437 (HB0540)	Agriculture - University of Maryland Extension - Urban Farmer Assistance	Senator McCray Delegates Henson, Chang, and A. Jones	Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/9/22 at 1:00pm House Appropriations 2/22/22 at 1:00 p.m.	
SB0630 (HB0706)	Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Office of Resilience	Senator Hester et al. Delegates Sample-Hughes and Watson	House Environment and Transportation 2/18/2022 - 11:00 AM Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/24/2022 - 1:00PM	Subcommittee agreed to support with testimony that draws more attention to the FSRC; no volunteer identified



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HB0855 (SB0942)	Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund - Establishment	Delegate Boyce Senators Griffith and Hayes	House Environment and Transportation 2/25/2022 - 11:00 AM	Steve McHenry volunteered to draft testimony
Monitor				
SB0552 (HB0695)	Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022)	Senator Kramer Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo	House Environment and Transportation 2/18/2022 - 11:00 AM Senate	Monitor



			Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/24/2022 - 1:00 PM	
No Position				

4. Full Legislative Tracking List - 2022 Session

NO POSITION

Bill/ Chapter (Cross/ Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Committees & Hearings	Notes
HB1027 (SB0921)	Food Supplement Benefits - Students - Eligibility (SNAP for Students)	Delegate Solomon	Appropriations 3/10/22 - 1:00 PM	New this week
HB1163	Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Education - Requirements	Delegate Washington	Ways and Means 3/9/22 - 1:00 PM	New this week



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HB1216	Department of Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Grant Fund	Delegate Wells	Environment and Transportation 3/4/22 - 1:00 PM`	New this week
HB1217	Natural Resources - Oyster Inspection and Severance Taxes - Increase	Delegates Mautz and Adams	Environment and Transportation 3/4/22 - 1:00 PM	New this week
HB1228 (SB0830)	Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate	Delegates Crosby, Clark, Boyce, Barve, and Stein	Environment and Transportation 3/4/22 - 1:00 PM	New this week

SUPPORT

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<p>HB0147 (SB0121)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Delegate Charkoudian Senator Hester</p>	<p><i>House</i> Environment and Transportation 1/19/2022 - 1:00 PM Ways and Means <i>Senate</i> Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Heather testified on HB147 Michael J. testified on SB121</p>
<p>HB0150 (SB0124)</p>	<p>Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste</p>	<p>Delegate Charkoudian Senator Hettleman</p>	<p><i>House</i> Ways and Means 1/27/2022 - 1:00 PM <i>Senate</i> Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 1/19/2022 - 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Heather submitted written testimony on 1/25 for the House hearing.</p>
<p>SB0263 (HB0661)</p>	<p>Health - Food Service Facilities - Beverage Options With Children's Meals</p>	<p>Senator Beidle Delegates Fennell and D. Barnes</p>	<p><i>Senate</i> Finance 2/03/2022 - 1:00 PM <i>House</i> Economic Matters</p>	<p>Testimony submitted for Senate and House.</p>



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			2/16/2022 - 1:00 PM	
HB0178	Public Health – Cottage Food Businesses – Annual Revenues	Delegate Chang	Health and Government Operations 1/19/2022 - 2:50 PM	Dr. Lansing has volunteered to develop testimony for review in case the bill successfully passes the House.
HB0184 (SB0229)	Environment - On-Farm Composting Facilities - Permit Exemption	Delegate Shetty Senator Gallion	<i>House</i> Environment and Transportation 2/02/2022 - 1:00 PM <i>Senate</i> Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM	Testimony submitted for the House.
HB0456	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - State Supplement	Delegate Valentino-Smith	Appropriations 2/08/2022 - 1:00 PM	Subcommittee will draft testimony for Senate hearing, if applicable.
SB0630 (HB0706)	Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Office of Resilience	Senator Hester et al.	<i>House</i> Environment and Transportation 2/18/2022 - 11:00 AM	Support with language drawing attention to the role of the FSRC



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		Delegates Sample-Hughes and Watson	<i>Senate</i> Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/24/2022 - 1:00PM	
HB0855 (SB0942)	Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund - Establishment	Delegate Boyce Senators Griffith and Hayes	<i>House</i> Environment and Transportation 2/25/2022 - 11:00 AM	Steve will write testimony
HB0857	Education - Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program - School Lunch	Delegate Reznik	Ways and Means 3/3, 13:00	Michael J. will write testimony

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

Bill/ Chapter (Cross/ Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Committees & Hearings	Notes
SB0039	Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Returning to State	Senator Cassilly	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM	E&P strongly supports this bill. Some amendments were



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	Meat Processing Inspection (Farms Buy Local Act)			discussed during the 1/25 C&C meeting.
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OPPOSE

None identified for opposition at this time.

MONITOR

Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Org Committees & Hearings	Notes
HB0100 (SB0014)	Sustainable Maryland Program Fund - Establishment	Delegate Solomon Senator Elfreth	<i>House</i> Appropriations 1/25/2022 - 1:00 PM <i>Senate</i> Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/9/2022 - 1:00pm	
HB0156	Local Governments – Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones – Authorization	Delegate Queen	Environment and Transportation 1/19/2022 - 1:00 PM	



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HB0179	Counties and State Legislative Districts - Food Environment Reports	Delegate Amprey	Environment and Transportation 1/25/2022 - 1:00 PM	
SB0378	Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission	Senator Jackson	Budget and Taxation 2/9/22 - 1:00pm	<i>Monitor</i> Steve McHenry shared a flier from SMADC which was distributed to the group.
SB0437 (HB0540)	Agriculture - University of Maryland Extension - Urban Farmer Assistance	Senator McCray	Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 3/9/22 at 1:00pm House Appropriations 2/22/22 at 1:00 p.m.	
HB0680	Baltimore County - Property Tax Credit - Supermarkets.	Delegate Brooks, et al	Ways and Means 2/15/2022 - 1:00pm	



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SB0362	Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Schools - Revisions	Senator Pinsky	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/16/2022 - 1:00 PM	More info needed
SB0552 (HB0695)	Environment - Climate Crisis Plan - Requirement (Better Together to Save Our Weather Act of 2022)	Senator Kramer Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo	<i>House</i> Environment and Transportation 2/18/2022 - 11:00 AM <i>Senate</i> Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/24/2022 - 1:00 PM	Monitor