



Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

Mar 7, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Michael J. Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
2. Bills for Review - Anna Sierra
 - a. **New This Week**
 - i. [HB1352](#) - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities. (Del. Hill). *House Health and Government Operations and Judiciary. HGO hearing 3/9, 1:30. Testimony due 3/7.*
 1. Requires religious meals to be made available to all inmates w/o religious exemptions
 2. 2-year pilot program that addresses plant-based food and beverage options
 3. Chloe Waterman - pilot program is not part of existing statute
 - a. Bill creates health and wellness standards for prisons - added sugar, sodium, fresh produce; access to religious and plant-based meals, etc.
 - b. Pilot program - access to plant based options
 - c. Addresses long-term goals of the council around eliminating public health disparities and improving access to healthy food
 4. Michael J. Wilson - concern over mandating anything for incarcerated populations
 - a. Health/wellness report - does this only deal with nutrition? Are there other public health aspects, like sexual health or substance use?
 5. Daphene Altema Johnson - has testified in support of this bill in previous sessions; supports it because incarcerated populations don't have options anyways, so why not try to improve?



- a. From a public health perspective, the status quo isn't working when we look at chronic health outcomes
 6. Consensus: Chloe Waterman will draft a support letter today for submission by 2:30pm today
- b. Updates:**
- i. [HB0156](#) - Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones. *Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; no hearing date set.*
 1. Amendments can be reviewed in the third reading text of the bill [here](#). The amendment removes sales and use tax revenue as an explicit list of funding sources for the grant, and removes a section of the Tax article which compels the Comptroller to distribute funding in specific manners.
 - ii. [SB0263](#) - Beverage Options with Children's Meals.
 1. Amendments can be reviewed in the third reading text of the bill [here](#).
 - iii. [SB0942](#) - Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund. *Rereferred to Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; no hearing date set.*
 - iv. [SB0971](#) - Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program - School Lunch. *Rereferred to Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; no hearing date set.*
 - v. HB0456 - SNAP state supplement - reported favorably with amendments
 1. Age reduction from 62 to 60 was removed from bill text
 - vi. HB0540 - UME Urban Farmer Assistance - reported favorably; updates to follow
 - vii. FARM Bill - Steve McHenry said that the House bill has been reported out of committee and now heads to the floor for a vote
- c. Other**
- i. #hearthe crunch photo! Please have an apple ready for a virtual photo in support of [National School Breakfast Week](#).



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3. Hearing Schedule Week of 3/7-3/11

Bill# (Crossfile)	Title	Sponsor(s)	Hearing Schedule	Notes
Support				
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.	Dr. Lansing has developed testimony.
HB1352	Health and Wellness Standards – Correctional Facilities	Delegate Hill	Health and Government Operations 3/09/22 - 1:30 PM Judiciary No hearing date	Chloe Waterman will draft testimony in support by 3pm deadline 3/7



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HB1027 (SB0921)	Food Supplement Benefits - Students - Eligibility (SNAP for Students)	Delegate Solomon	Appropriations 3/10/22 - 1:00 PM	
Monitor				
HB1163	Primary and Secondary Education - Virtual Education - Requirements	Delegate Washington	Ways and Means 3/9/22 - 1:00 PM	