



# Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

## Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

### Minutes

Feb 28, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Michael J. Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
2. Bills for Review - Anna Sierra
  - a. No newly filed bills - anything filed past last week has to go through the Rules committee, so we should see the rate of new bills slow considerably moving forward.
  - b. **Updates:**
    - i. [HB0156](#) - Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones. *Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; no hearing date set.*
      1. Passed with amendments; staff to look at amendments and decide if FSRC should revisit support/monitor decision
    - ii. [SB0229](#) - On-Farm Composting Facilities. *House Environment and Transportation; no hearing date set.*
    - iii. [SB0263](#) - Beverage Options with Children's Meals. *Third Reading passed.*
      1. Will go to House next; committee has not yet been assigned
    - iv. [SB0378](#) - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. *House Environment and Transportation; no hearing date set.*
    - v. [HB0646](#) - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. *House hearing set for 3/11, 1:00 PM*
  - c. **Upcoming hearings:**
    - i. [HB0857](#) - Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program - School Lunch. *3/3, Ways and Means, 1:00 pm*
      1. Michael J. has written testimony for the FSRC



- ii. [HB1216](#) - Department of Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Grant Fund. 3/4, *Environment and Transportation*, 1:00 pm
  1. Steve McHenry will pass along information from the workgroup meeting scheduled for this week (MD Farm Bureau and other advocacy groups)
- iii. [HB1228](#) - Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate. 3/4, *Environment and Transportation*, 1:00 pm
  1. Monitoring until further notice
- iv. [SB0830](#) - Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate. 3/1, *Education, Health, and Environment*, 1:00 pm
  1. Monitoring until further notice
- v. HB1027 - Stephanie Lansing and Vivian Owens will draft testimony and submit early next week (by 3/6)
- vi. Lindsay Smith asked for an update on the FARM bill; Heather shared information from advocates, Sydney shared Steve McHenry's emailed update ("HB 147 (MD FARM) received subcommittee approval last week, including with the entire funding as proposed. So things are moving in the right direction in the House.")

**d. Other**

- i. Racial equity conversations - Anne Palmer will connect subcommittee with JHU professor to begin conducting preliminary racial equity audit of selected legislation with her students (Michael J. will choose and forward bills)
  1. This relationship will be mutually beneficial - the JHU public health students will gain practicum experience in a real-world setting, and the FSRC will increase its capacity to examine the broader context behind the legislation we support and oppose.
- ii. Next week - #hearthe crunch photo - bring an apple, will take photo at 1:30 regardless of where in the meeting we are
  1. C&C members should 'bring' an apple to support National School Breakfast Week for group photo



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3. Hearing Schedule Week of 2/28-3/4

Bill# (Crossfile)	Title	Sponsor(s)	Hearing Schedule	Notes
<b>Support</b>				
<a href="#">HB0857</a>	Education - Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program - School Lunch	<a href="#">Delegate Reznik</a>	<a href="#">Ways and Means</a> <a href="#">3/3, 13:00</a>	Michael J. will write testimony
<b>Monitor</b>				
<a href="#">HB1216</a>	Department of Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Grant Fund	<a href="#">Delegate Wells</a>	Environment and Transportation <a href="#">3/4/22 - 1:00 PM`</a>	Steve McHenry is still gathering information on this bill
<a href="#">HB1228</a> <a href="#">(SB0830)</a>	Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate	<a href="#">Delegates Crosby, Clark, Boyce, Barve, and Stein</a>	Environment and Transportation <a href="#">3/4/22 - 1:00 PM</a>	House hearing
<a href="#">HB1228</a> <a href="#">(SB0830)</a>	Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate	<a href="#">Senators Elfreth, Bailey, Eckardt, Guzzone, and Hershey</a>	Education, Health, and Environment <a href="#">3/1/22 - 1:00 PM</a>	Senate hearing