



Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

Apr 4, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Michael J. Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
2. Bill Status - Anna Sierra - [See Legislative Tracker](#)
 - a. 6 days until the end of session (*Sine Die*)!

Total Bills Monitored

Senate Bills in Opp. Committee	Hearings Held	Senate Bills Returned Passed	House Bills in Opp. Committee	Hearings Held	House Bills Returned Passed
13	7	0	10	8	1

- MD FARM bill is now in conference committee, which is its “last shot”: legislators must come to an agreement by next week on a single version of the bill if they want it to pass
 - These deliberations are not public, so there isn’t much room for FSRC advocacy
 - Anne Wallerstedt will update FSRC on conference committee roster if she hears anything tomorrow
- In our post-legislative session review (after action report, or AAR) we should look back at not just the substance of what passed and what didn’t, but also at what strategy, tactics, and processes to improve upon for next year’s and future sessions
 - Anna plans to send a survey after *sine die* to cover best practices, what worked and what didn’t, etc.
 - We will schedule a meeting at the end of April to talk through what we can improve upon and how we might want to amend our processes for next year



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3. Hearing Schedule Week of 4/4 - 4/8

Bill# (Crossfile)	Title	Sponsor(s)	Hearing Schedule	Notes
SUPPORT				
SB0437 (HB0540)	Agriculture - University of Maryland Extension - Urban Farmer Assistance	Senator McCray	H. Appropriations 4/04/2022 - 1:00 PM	Dr. Lansing is writing testimony.
MONITOR				
SB0014 (HB0100)	Sustainable Maryland Program Fund - Establishment	Senator Elfreth	H. Appropriations 4/04/2022 - 1:00 PM	



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4. No hearings scheduled yet (as of 4/1)

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SUPPORT				
HB0540	Agriculture - University of Maryland Extension - Urban Farmer Assistance	Delegates Henson, Chang, and A. Jones	S. Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Senate x-file hearing scheduled in H. Appropriations for 4/4
HB0855 (SB0942)	Agriculture - Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program and Fund - Establishment	Delegate Boyce Senators Griffith and Hayes	House S. Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Senate H. Rules and Executive Nominations	Neither bill scheduled for hearing
SB0121	Maryland Farms and Families Fund, Maryland FARM Grant Program, and Maryland Farm-to-School Meal Grant Pilot Program	Senator Hester	H. Environment and Transportation	House x-file (HB0147) heard in Senate EHE on 3/31



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SB0263	Health - Food Service Facilities - Beverage Options With Children's Meals	Senator Beidle	H. Economic Matters	House x-file was reported unfavorably by H. Economic Matters
MONITOR				
SB0830	Natural Resources – Oysters – Spat, Shells, and Substrate	Senators Elfreth, Bailey, Eckardt, Guzzone, and Hershey	H. Environment and Transportation	House x-file has been returned to the House passed.
SB0378	Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission	Senator Jackson	H. Environment and Transportation	House x-file still in orig. committee
SB0755	Infrastructure Grants - Federal Infrastructure Investment and Coordination Unit - Established	Senators Hester, Rosapepe, Eckardt, Elfreth, Griffith, Guzzone, Jackson, McCray, Salling, and Zucker	H. Rules and Executive Nominations	House x-file still in orig. committee