



# Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

## Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

### Minutes

Jan 24, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Michael J. Wilson, Subcommittee Chair
2. Discussion of Process
  - a. Sydney discussed a proposed process for identifying consensus on bill positions, which includes posting preferred positions in the chat. Anna offered to implement the Google voting poll feature, as well. Sydney also recommended that if bills need more research, they could be tasked to experts on the Council or subcommittees, and those recommendations would be made back to Michael J., Sydney, and Heather Bruskin for determination on next steps.
  - b. Michael J. expressed some concern about having to vote on each bill considered, particularly as the list of bills grows and conversations lengthen on more complicated bills. He also emphasized that the FSRC's role in legislative support would not likely influence the passage (or not) of a given bill, and that the subcommittee would not have the time or resources to register opinions on each bill considered.
  - c. Sydney and Michael J. agreed to discuss the process further.
3. Bills for Review - Anna Sierra
  - a. New this week:
    - i. [SB0378](#) - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. Additional information was provided by Council members, including the fact that SMADC administers the money market program and has done work around hunger reduction in their region. Steve McHenry provided a flier distributed by SMADC which explains the bill further, which was shared with members.
  - b. Updates:
    - i. Hearing Schedule Week of 1/24 (see table below)
    - ii. See 2022 Legislation List for discussion notes for each bill.



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4. Hearing Schedule Week of 1/25

| Bill#<br>(Crossfile) | Title   | Sponsor(s)                                       | Hearing Schedule  | Notes   |
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| <b>Support</b>       |   |  |   |   |
| SB0121<br>(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 | Senator<br>Hester<br><br>Delegate<br>Charkoudian | Senate<br>Education, Health,<br>and Environmental<br>Affairs<br>1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM | Michael J. will testify on SB121<br><br>Heather testified on HB147 (1/19) |
| HB0150<br>(SB0124)   | Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste   | Delegate<br>Charkoudian                          | Ways and Means<br>1/27/2022 - 1:00 PM<br>Support                                    |   |
| SB0229<br>(HB0184)   | Environment - On-Farm Composting Facilities - Permit Exemption  | Senator<br>Gallion<br><br>Delegate<br>Shetty     | Senate<br>Education, Health,<br>and Environmental<br>Affairs<br>1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM |   |



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| SB0039             | Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Returning to State Meat Processing Inspection (Farms Buy Local Act) | Senator Cassilly | Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM |  |
| <b>Monitor</b>     |  |                  |   |  |
| HB0100<br>(SB0014) | Sustainable Maryland Program Fund - Establishment  | Delegate Solomon | Appropriations<br>1/25/2022 - 1:00 PM                               |  |
| HB0179             | Counties and State Legislative Districts - Food Environment Reports  | Delegate Amprey  | Environment and Transportation<br>1/25/2022 - 1:00 PM               |  |

5. Full Legislative Tracking List - 2022 Session

**NO POSITION**

| Bill/<br>Chapter<br>(Cross/<br>Chapter) | Title | Sponsor | Committees &<br>Hearings | Notes |
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| SB0256<br>(HB0031) | Maryland Energy Administration – Resiliency Hub Grant Program and Fund | Senator Beidle | Finance<br>2/01/2022 - 1:00 PM | No longer to be monitored after 1/24 |
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**SUPPORT**

| Bill/<br>Chapter<br>(Cross/<br>Chapter) | Title   | Sponsor                                    | Committees &<br>Hearings  | Notes  |
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| HB0147<br>(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 | Delegate Charkoudian<br><br>Senator Hester | House<br>Environment and Transportation<br>1/19/2022 - 1:00 PM<br>Ways and Means<br><br>Senate<br>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs<br>1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM | Heather testified on HB147<br><br>Michael J. will testify on SB121 |
| HB0150<br>(SB0124)                      | Public Schools - Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste   | Delegate Charkoudian                       | House<br>Ways and Means<br>1/27/2022 - 1:00 PM  | Heather submitted written testimony on                             |



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|  |  | <a href="#">Senator Hettleman</a>                                      | <i>Senate</i><br><a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a><br>1/19/2022 - 1:00 PM  | 1/25 for the House hearing.   |
| <a href="#">SB0263</a>                               | Health - Food Service Facilities<br>- Beverage Options With Children's Meals | <a href="#">Senator Beidle</a>   | <i>Senate</i><br><a href="#">Finance</a><br>2/03/2022 - 1:00 PM   | Volunteer to develop testimony has been requested   |
| <a href="#">HB0178</a>                               | Public Health – Cottage Food Businesses – Annual Revenues                    | <a href="#">Delegate Chang</a>   | <a href="#">Health and Government Operations</a><br>1/19/2022 - 2:50 PM   | Dr. Lansing has volunteered to develop testimony for review in case the bill successfully passes the House. |
| <a href="#">HB0184</a><br>( <a href="#">SB0229</a> ) | Environment - On-Farm Composting Facilities - Permit Exemption               | <a href="#">Delegate Shetty</a><br><br><a href="#">Senator Gallion</a> | <i>House</i><br><a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a><br>2/02/2022 - 1:00 PM<br><br><i>Senate</i><br><a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a><br>1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM | Dr. Lansing volunteered to draft testimony for the House hearing.   |



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**SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

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| <a href="#">SB0039</a>                  | Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Returning to State Meat Processing Inspection (Farms Buy Local Act) | <a href="#">Senator Cassilly</a> | <a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a><br>1/25/2022 - 1:30 PM | E&P strongly supports this bill. Some amendments were discussed during the 1/25 C&C meeting. |

**OPPOSE**

None identified for opposition at this time.

**MONITOR**

| Bill/Chapter<br>(Cross/<br>Chapter) | Title | Sponsor | Org Committees &<br>Hearings | Notes |
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| <a href="#">HB0100</a><br>( <a href="#">SB0014</a> ) | Sustainable Maryland Program Fund - Establishment  | <a href="#">Delegate Solomon</a><br><br><a href="#">Senator Elfreth</a> | <i>House</i><br><a href="#">Appropriations</a><br>1/25/2022 - 1:00 PM<br><br><i>Senate</i><br><a href="#">Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</a><br><i>No hearing as of 1/26</i> |   |
| <a href="#">HB0156</a>                               | Local Governments – Urban Agricultural Incentive Zones – Authorization                                       | <a href="#">Delegate Queen</a>  | <a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a><br>1/19/2022 - 1:00 PM  |   |
| <a href="#">HB0179</a>                               | Counties and State Legislative Districts - Food Environment Reports  | <a href="#">Delegate Amprey</a>   | <a href="#">Environment and Transportation</a><br>1/25/2022 - 1:00 PM  |   |
| <a href="#">SB0378</a>                               | Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission | <a href="#">Senator Jackson</a>   | <a href="#">Budget and Taxation</a><br>No hearing scheduled as of 1/25   | <i>Monitor</i><br>Steve McHenry shared a flier from SMADC which was distributed to the group. |