



# Maryland Food System Resiliency Council

## Communications and Coordination Subcommittee

### Meeting Notes

Mar 21, 2022 1:00pm - 1:30pm

1. Welcome - Sydney Daigle, Subcommittee Chair
2. Bill Status - Anna Sierra - [See Legislative Tracker](#)
  - a. Crossover Day! Anything that doesn't pass from the originating chamber by 11:59pm tonight will likely not move forward this session
  - b. After all bills have crossed, the process basically starts over - bills go through committees, have hearings, etc.
    - i. However, the timeframe is much more condensed: hearings are set more quickly and with less notice
    - ii. C&C should consider prioritizing our bills in some way; here are some ideas:
      1. Bills that have been crossfiled or seem to be moving along fine - if the bill is substantially the same, it should be considered low priority
      2. Bills that have been heavily amended should be prioritized by offering testimony when those bills come up for hearing
      3. Bills that speak to FSRC recommendations should be prioritized
      4. If there are areas that we can provide much-needed context and information to help the legislative process, we should prioritize those bills
      5. Anna and Vanessa will pull together a cheat sheet on the bills supported by the subcommittee that were heavily amended and what the amendments are
    - iii. Also, this is the last session in the term - some bill sponsors might be looking to have their bills move through in order to gain political clout before elections



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- 1. This is also the last year that the Gov's office has total control over the budget - next year, legislature will get to make adjustments/amendments

Total Bills Monitored

Senate Bills Passed 3rd Reading	Senate Bills Still in Committee	House Bills Passed 3rd Reading	House Bills Still in Committee
9	7*	5	17

\*1 additional bill in Rules Committee

3. Specific bill updates:

- a. HB0179
  - i. JHU/CLF doesn't believe this will be a worthwhile effort - they specifically asked not to be named in the legislation
  - ii. Unclear who the main advocate is - most likely the delegate sponsoring the bill
  - iii. No funding, no lead agency/staffing identified
  - iv. MDEM/FSRC not included - why?
    - 1. Del. Amprey likely didn't think of it
    - 2. MDEM doesn't really operate in the space where the bill is intended to exist
- b. FARM - House passed with no funding for school pilot program; Senate bill is acceptable as-is
- c. HB1216 - fiscal note decreased drastically (from \$5mil/year to \$250k/year)
- d. SB0039 - MDA will go ahead and facilitate a study instead of waiting for a bill to pass
- e. CRO bill - passed but heavily amended (removed language that required specific state agencies to work with MDEM)