



**Committee:** Directly to Council

**Committee Review:** N/A

**Staff:** Christine Wellons, Senior Legislative Attorney  
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**Purpose:** Final action – vote expected

**Agenda Item #1**

February 27, 2023

## SUBJECT

2023 Legislative Session, Maryland General Assembly

## EXPECTED ATTENDEES

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## COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Review and take positions on General Assembly bills.

## DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

The Council will receive an update regarding pending State legislation from OIR. The Council will review pending State bills and, if desired, take positions on the bills that align with the County's 2023 priority list.

## SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Determine whether to support, support with amendments, take no position, hold, or oppose the following State bills:

### Transportation

- HB 1125/SB 939 Transit - Grant Funding for Local Service – Alterations

### Local Authority

- HB 556 - SB 516 - Cannabis Reform

### Health and Human Services / Early Child Care

- SB 873 - Child Care Provider Stabilization Program – Established

### Environment

- HB 718 / SB 590 – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023)

- HB 904 / SB 689 – Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions - Alterations and Requirements (Energy Savings Act)
- HB 908 / SB 613 – Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program
- HB 793 / SB 781 – Offshore Wind Energy - State Goals and Procurement (Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act)
- HB 723 / SB 526 – Natural Resources- Forest Preservation and Retention

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Bill Number and Title	Sponsors(s) and Public Hearing Date	County Priority	Description	Council Staff Notes/Recommendation	OIR Memo
<a href="#">HB 1125/SB 939 Transit - Grant Funding for Local Service - Alterations</a>	Solomon, Charles, Ebersole, Harris, J. Long, and Palakovich Carr (Hearing 3/7/2023)	Transportation	Establishing the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program; authorizing program funds to be sourced from federal and State public transportation programs; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the total grants for locally operated transit service to exceed the total for fiscal year 2019, adjusted for inflation; requiring the Department of Transportation to make a certain adjustment in a subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate; etc.	This bill would annually adjust the total funding for local transit service grants (e.g., to Ride On) to the Consumer Price Index. This is one of the requests the Executive and Council made in its joint State Transportation Priorities letter that was approved on February 7. Council staff recommends support. (Orlin)	Pg. 5
<a href="#">HB 556 - SB 516 - Cannabis Reform</a>	Wilson and Atterbeary (Hearing 2/17/2023)	Local Authority	Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult-use cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of adult-use cannabis at certain rates in certain fiscal years; establishing the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Division in the Commission; requiring the Division, on or before July 1, 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult-use cannabis business	Consistent with the County's state priorities, OIR is monitoring this bill in connection with the preservation of local zoning authority and the allocation of tax revenues. The County Executive supports the bill with amendments to address revenue sharing and to clarify the preservation of local zoning authority. Council staff recommends joining the County Executive's position.	Pg. 1
<a href="#">HB 868 &amp; SB 873 - Child Care Provider Stabilization Program - Established</a>	M. Washington (Hearing 2/22/2023)	Early Child Care	Establishing the Child Care Provider Stabilization Program in the State Department of Education; and requiring, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation in an amount sufficient to fund the Program	Council staff believes this bill would have a positive impact on child care providers in the County that participate in the State Child Care Scholarship Program and would act as an incentive for providers to join or remain in the program. Council staff recommends support. (Yao)	Pg. 5

<a href="#">HB 718 - SB 590- Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023)</a>	Stewart, Allen, Amprey, Boafo, Charkoudian, Edelson, and ten others (Hearing 3/9/2023)	Environment	Altering the definitions of "qualifying biomass", "thermal biomass system", and "Tier 1 renewable source" for purposes of excluding energy derived from certain forest-related resources, animal manure, waste, and refuse and gas produced from the anaerobic decomposition of animal waste or poultry waste from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard	The bill would reduce the revenue the County receives from energy generated at the RRF (trash incinerator). That revenue offsets the operating costs at the RRF which means it helps bolster the Solid Waste Disposal Fund. The annual impact varies from year to year (between \$1 and \$2 million) depending on the amount of energy generated at the RRF and the renewable energy credit market. Council staff recommends holding pending a fiscal note and more information about future plans for the County RRF.	Pg. 3
<a href="#">HB 904 - SB 689 Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions - Alterations and Requirements (Energy Savings Act)</a>	Qi, Barve, Embry, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Stewart, Vogel, Watson, and Wu (Hearing 3/2/2023)	Environment	Altering the goals and requirements of certain energy efficiency programs to include certain greenhouse gas emissions reductions from electric companies and gas companies beginning January 1, 2024; requiring the EmPOWER Maryland Program to provide consumer rebates, and promote the use of certain federal rebates, for certain technologies; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and electric utilities to promote fuel switching from gas to electricity; etc.	The bill is consistent with the County's state priorities regarding climate. The County Executive supports. Council staff recommends support.	Pg. 3

<a href="#">HB908 - SB 613</a> <a href="#">Electricity –</a> <a href="#">Community Solar</a> <a href="#">Energy Generating</a> <a href="#">Systems Program</a>	Clippinger, Amprey, Boafo, Charkoudian and more than 10 others (Hearing 2/23/2023)	Environment	Making permanent the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; requiring a community solar energy generating system to serve at least 40% of its kilowatt-hour output to low-income and moderate-income subscribers under certain circumstances; authorizing a subscription coordinator to act on behalf of a subscriber organization; altering requirements related to the siting and size of certain community solar energy generating systems projects; authorizing the use of consolidated billing for certain charges	The bill is consistent with the County's state priorities regarding climate. The County Executive supports. Council staff recommends support.	Pg.4
<a href="#">HB 793/SB 781 -</a> <a href="#">Offshore Wind</a> <a href="#">Energy – State Goals</a> <a href="#">and Procurement</a> <a href="#">(Promoting Offshore</a> <a href="#">Wind Energy</a> <a href="#">Resources Act)</a>	Charkoudian, Amprey, Barve, Boyce and more than 10 others (Hearing 3/6/2023)	Environment	Requiring an application for any new qualified offshore wind project and a certain proposal for an offshore wind transmission facility to be subject to a certain community benefit agreement; requiring the Public Service Commission to conduct a certain analysis of transmission system expansion options; requiring the Commission to issue a certain number of competitive solicitations for proposals for certain offshore wind transmission facilities and transmission upgrades and expansions;	The bill is consistent with the County's state priorities regarding climate. The County Executive supports. Council staff recommends support.	Pg. 4

<a href="#">HB 723 &amp; SB 526</a> <a href="#">Natural Resources – Forest Preservation and Retention</a>	Love, Bridges, Stein (Hearing 3/1/2023)	Environment	Altering the definition of "qualified conservation" for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; establishing and authorizing certain alternative methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; adding certain tree plantings and practices as methods that certain municipal corporations may use to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; lowering the acreage threshold in certain counties for participation in the forest conservation and management program	The bill would shift the goal of forest conservation in the state from one of "no net loss" to one of "net gain." This goal is consistent with the County's state priorities on climate. However, OIR has noted several amendments that should be considered for the bill. The County Executive supports the bills with amendments, including deleting the limits placed on land that can be used for conservation to developable land, deleting any time limit set for banks, and defining the term "baseline forest" to be consistent with the definition of "forest" in the FCA. Council staff recommends joining the County Executive's position.	Pg. 2
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OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Marc Elrich  
*County Executive*

Melanie Wenger  
*Director*

February 27, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Montgomery County Council

FROM: Melanie L. Wenger, Director <sup>MLW</sup>  
Office of Intergovernmental Relations

SUBJECT: Discussion: State Legislation

**UPDATE**

- Update on General Assembly Session

**State Legislation**

1. **HB 556 / SB 516** – *Cannabis Reform* (Delegates Wilson and Atterbeary; Senators Feldman and Hayes)

**Bill summary:** The bills create a comprehensive licensing and regulatory system for adult use of cannabis, including establishing the number of permissible licenses and a process to immediately convert medical cannabis businesses to a new license. They consolidate State level oversight of alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis into the new Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission. They create an Office of Social Equity to ensure full participation in the cannabis industry of people from communities disproportionately harmed by the enforcement of cannabis crimes, create a Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund to support community organizations serving those communities, and a Cannabis Business Assistance Fund to assist small, minority-owned, and women-owned.

The bills authorize the issuance of four different major categories of licensees, including a standard license for larger businesses, micro license for smaller businesses, incubator license for a facility that supports micro licensees, and on-site consumption license. For standard licensees, the State may issue licenses for 75 growers, 100 processors, and 300 dispensaries. For micro licenses, the State may issue licenses for 100 growers, 100 processors, and 200 dispensaries. The State may issue 10 incubator licenses and 50 on-site consumption licenses. Key areas relating to local governments include provisions that: (1) prohibit local taxation of the cannabis industry; (2) authorize the State to impose a sales tax of 6% that increases by 1% over the next four years to a maximum of 10% and require that 1.5% of the sales tax revenues be distributed to local governments based on revenues generated in that jurisdiction; (3) prohibit zoning that is “unreasonable” or “unduly burdensome”; and (4) address the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees.

The County Executive supports the bills with amendments that address several concerns. Regarding revenue sharing, he believes that an aggregate sales tax of 6% to 10% is a low taxation rate when compared to the aggregate tax rates in other states that have legalized cannabis. In addition, many other states have allocated a higher share of State tax revenues to local governments or have granted new local taxing authority. The bills should be amended to grant taxing authority to local governments or to ensure that local governments receive a more equitable share of State sales tax revenues. Regarding zoning, the term “undue burden” is not defined in the bills and will likely lead to litigation regarding its meaning. The bills should be amended to either strike the undue burden requirement or define it concretely in a manner that preserves local zoning authority regarding growers, processors, and dispensaries similar to zoning authority for other agricultural, manufacturing, and retail/service businesses. Although the bills seek to clarify the rights and responsibilities of employees and employers, this part of the bills is confusing and inconsistent. It is unclear whether the parts of the bills that apply to an “employer” also apply to a “government employer”. The bills are also inconsistent regarding circumstances under which an employee may be disciplined. The bills should be amended to clarify their intent.

2. **[HB 723](#) / **[SB 526](#)** – *Natural Resources - Forest Preservation and Retention*  
(Delegates Love, Bridges, and Stein; Senators Elfreth, Guzzone, Gile, Hester, Kramer, Lam, Hettleman, M. Washington, West, and Zucker)**

**Bill summary:** Broadly, the intent of the bills is to increase forest and canopy cover across Maryland beyond a no-net-loss threshold. They aim to increase forest retention and planting requirements to maintain, at a minimum, no net loss and move towards increasing forests and canopy across the State over time. More specifically, the bills alter the definition of “qualified conservation” by allowing alternative programs that could allow mitigation banks created beyond 2020 and limiting land that can be used for forest mitigation banks to developable land. They increase the minimum reforestation ratio from 0.25:1 to 1:1 but authorize alternative methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements. They add certain tree plantings and practices as methods that can be used to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements such as soil amendments and removal of invasive species. Finally,



the bills lower the acreage threshold for participation in the forest conservation and management program from five acres to two acres for certain counties, including Montgomery County.

If enacted, these bills would move most of the State beyond no-net-loss of forests regulated by the Forest Conservation Act (FCA) to increases in forest cover. However, in Montgomery County, much of the current development activity that impacts forests and tree canopy is not subject to the FCA. Particularly in urban communities, the pattern of development is shifting from subdivision of greenfields (which the FCA was designed to address) to small-lot redevelopment (below applicability of the FCA). This means a large portion of the forests and tree canopy facing development activity is not subject to the FCA nor would it be subject to many of the provisions of HB 723/SB 526. Therefore, the extent of the additional protections provided in the proposed legislation will be limited in Montgomery County.

The County Executive supports the bills with amendments, including deleting the limits placed on land that can be used for conservation to developable land, deleting any time limit set for banks, and defining the term “baseline forest” to be consistent with the definition of “forest” in the FCA.

3. **HB 718 / SB 590 – *Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources - Alterations (Reclaim Renewable Energy Act of 2023)*** (Delegates Stewart, Allen, Amprey, Boafó, Charkoudian, Edelson, Feldmark, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Kerr, Lopez, Love, Moon, Palakovich Carr, and Wilkins; **Senator** Lewis Young)

**Bill summary:** The bills will reform Maryland’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by removing energy derived from waste, wood waste products, and animal manure from counting toward the RPS. Removing these relatively polluting energy sources from the list of eligible Tier 1 renewable resources will not outlaw their use, but RPS compliance will no longer incentivize them. Instead, RPS compliance will focus on the development of wind and solar resources. This legislation is supported by the County Executive.

4. **HB 904 / SB 689 – *Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions - Alterations and Requirements (Energy Savings Act)*** (Delegates Qi, Barve, Embry, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Stewart, Vogel, Watson, and Wu; **Senator** Lewis Young)

**Bill summary:** The bills will reform the EmPOWER Maryland statewide building energy savings program to achieve deeper reductions in greenhouse (GHG) emissions, accelerate the transition to high efficiency electric technologies, and support low-income families in navigating and benefiting from State programs. EmPOWER Maryland has succeeded at achieving modest energy efficiency gains for more than a decade. The bills will establish new GHG reduction goals for EmPOWER Maryland and will direct the Public Service Commission to reform the program to: provide incentives for electric heat pumps and related appliances; discontinue incentives for gas combustion equipment; and ensure that program funding is primarily used to improve building energy performance in ways that will directly benefit customers. The bills also

direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to contract with navigators to help low-income families participate in weatherization, electrification, lead removal, and mold and asbestos remediation. These changes are generally aligned with the County's climate goals and strategies, and should result in programs that provide additional benefits to Montgomery County residents and property owners. This legislation is supported by the County Executive.

5. **HB 908 / SB 613** – *Electricity - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program* (Delegates Clippinger, Amprey, Boafo, Charkoudian, Cullison, Ebersole, Feldmark, Fennell, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Kaufman, Kerr, R. Lewis, J. Long, Lopez, Pasteur, Qi, Queen, Ruth, Shetty, Smith, Stewart, Terrasa, Valderrama, Vogel, Watson, and Woods; Senators Brooks, Feldman, M. Washington, King, Kramer, Zucker, and Elfreth)

**Bill summary:** The bills will improve Maryland's community solar program and make it permanent. Shifting energy sources to clean, renewable resources like solar is critically important to achieving State and local climate goals. Community solar projects offer a valuable pathway to build new solar in Maryland, and to enable more residents to support solar, even where adding solar to their own properties is not feasible. The community solar pilot program operated by the Public Service Commission is scheduled to sunset at the end of 2024, at best creating a level of uncertainty that will stall the community solar market when it needs to grow. The bills will make the pilot program permanent. It will also improve the program by: removing annual, utility-specific, and certain project size caps; ensuring that more community solar output will benefit low-to-moderate income families; and allowing subscribers to participate in consolidated billing, which is critically important for families receiving energy assistance. This legislation is supported by the County Executive.

6. **HB 793 / SB 781** – *Offshore Wind Energy - State Goals and Procurement (Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act)* (Delegates Charkoudian, Amprey, Barve, Boafo, Boyce, Cullison, Fennell, Fraser-Hidalgo, Jackson, A. Johnson, S. Johnson, R. Lewis, Love, Moon, Pruski, Qi, Queen, Reznik, Rogers, Stewart, Turner, Valderrama, and Wilkins; Senators Hester, Feldman, and Brooks)

**Bill summary:** The bills will lay critical groundwork for major new offshore wind development to help meet Maryland's renewable energy needs. Offshore wind represents one of the largest renewable energy opportunities in the State. Four offshore wind projects are currently under development in lease areas off the coast of Maryland in the Atlantic Ocean. The bills seek to reduce barriers to accelerate the development of additional offshore wind projects. It will require the Public Service Commission to explore options and seek proposals for the development of transmission system upgrades to enable new offshore wind projects to transmit power into the region's electric grid. The bills will also require the State's Department of General Services to purchase power resulting from offshore wind projects, and will require new offshore wind project proposals to include community benefits agreements emphasizing the use of domestic materials and skilled local labor. This legislation is supported by the County Executive.

7. **HB 868 / SB 873** – ***Child Care Provider Stabilization Program - Established***  
(Delegates McCaskill, Addison, Allen, Charkoudian, Pasteur, Phillips, and Ruth;  
Senator M. Washington)

**Bill summary:** The bills create the Child Care Providers Stabilization Program in the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to provide funding to eligible child care providers to be used for any expenses directly related to the provision of child care, including: capital projects; employee wages, including bonuses; and offsetting expenses paid by subsidized and unsubsidized clients. Under the bills, eligible providers are those who are licensed or registered with MSDE and who sign an agreement with MSDE indicating the provider is willing and able to enroll children who receive a Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program subsidy from MSDE. The amount of the stability funding an eligible provider will receive is \$2,500 per month if certain requirements related to enrolling children who receive a CCS subsidy are met. If the enrollment requirements are not met, a provider will receive \$300 per month. The bills require the Governor to fund the Program starting in fiscal 2025 and each year thereafter in a sufficient amount to provide funding to all eligible providers.

8. **HB 1125 / SB 939** – ***Transit - Grant Funding for Local Service - Alterations***  
(Delegates Solomon, Charles, Ebersole, Harris, J. Long, and Palakovich Carr; Senator  
Watson)

**Bill summary:** The bills formally establish in State statute the existing Locally Operated Transit System (LOTS) grant program that provides funding to counties and municipalities to support their local transit systems. The bills also require an annual inflationary adjustment for the grants provided by the LOTS program and the program created under Transportation Article § 10-207 for Ride On in Montgomery County and The Bus in Prince George’s County. For the LOTS program, the increased amount would begin in Fiscal 2025, based on the fiscal 2019 appropriation adjusted by the projected Consumer Price Index CPI-U. For Ride On and The Bus, the increased amount would begin in fiscal 2024, based on the fiscal 2023 appropriation adjusted by the CPI-U. For both grant programs, adjustments must be made to reflect the actual inflation rate. For the Ride On and The Bus grant program, should a county’s bus service costs decrease in the prior fiscal year, the bills authorize the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation to reduce that county’s grant proportionally.

Additional information:

Link to the Montgomery County Office of Intergovernmental website:  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oir/>.

Link to the Maryland General Assembly website:  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmlst.aspx?tab=home>.

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Link to the Montgomery County Delegation website which allows you to access the text of all local and bi-county bills: <http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/legislation.html>.

Link to the Montgomery County Association of Counties (MACo) website:  
<https://www.mdcounties.org/>

**2023 General Assembly Session**  
**Montgomery County Local and**  
**Bi-County Legislation**  
Status as of February 23, 2023

Bill Number/Sponsor/Title	Original Positions	Status and Next Step(s)
<p><b>MC 1-23</b> (Delegates Moon and Love)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Distribution of Fines</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 849</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Pending</p> <p>MC CC: Hold</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable with Amendment</p> <p>The bill was amended to require that for a first-time violation in the opposite lanes of a road with at least four lanes a citation is issued. It is no longer a local bill but instead applies Statewide. The amendment can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Hearing in House Environment and Transportation Committee on 2/23</p> <p>Next Step: MoCo Senate Delegation</p>
<p><b>MC 3-23</b> (Delegates Palakovich Carr, Barve, Charkoudian, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Korman, Lopez, Moon, Qi, Solomon, &amp; Stewart)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Voting Methods</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 344</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Hearing in House Ways and Means Committee on 2/7</p> <p>Next Step: MoCo Senate Delegation</p>
<p><b>MC 4-23</b> (Requested by the Chair on behalf of the Montgomery County Government)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Alcohol Beverage Services – Advisory Board</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 345</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Hearing in House Economic Matters Committee on 2/20</p> <p>Next Step: MoCo Senate Delegation</p>

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<p><b>MC 5-23</b> (Requested by the Chair on behalf of the Montgomery County Government)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Board of License Commissioners – Qualifications</b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Withdrawn</p>
<p><b>MC 6-23</b> (Delegates Solomon, Charkoudian, Cullison, Foley, Kaufman, Lopez, Shetty, Stewart &amp; Senator Waldstreicher)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County - Speed Monitoring Systems - Authorized Highways</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 822</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Withdrawn</p>
<p><b>MC 7-23</b> (Delegates Moon, Charkoudian, &amp; Wilkins)</p> <p><b>Voting Systems – Ranked Choice Voting and Inclusion of City of Takoma Park Municipal Elections on the State Ballot</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 334</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Pending</p> <p>MC CC: Pending</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Hearing in House Ways and Means Committee on 2/7</p> <p>Next Step: MoCo Senate Delegation</p>

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<p><b>MC 8-23</b> (Senator Kramer)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Speed Monitoring Systems – Maryland Route 200 (Intercounty Connector)</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 820</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: SWA</p> <p>MC CC: Hold</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable with Amendment</p> <p>The bill requires the Maryland Transportation Authority to place four real-time speed posting systems in each direction on the ICC, instead of placing speed cameras; increase speed enforcement on the ICC; and collect citation data. The bill requires a report and then sunsets on 6/23/25. The amendment can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Next Steps: MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Environment and Transportation Committee not yet scheduled</p>
<p><b>MC 10-23</b> (Senator Kramer)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission – Collective Bargaining Agreement Implementation – Impasse Arbitration</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 764</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: SWA</p> <p>MC CC: Pending</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable with Amendment</p> <p>The bill was voted unanimously out of committee as drafted. Subsequently, stakeholders requested a friendly technical amendment which Sen. Kramer agreed to offer, which explicitly aligns impasse arbitration for the Housing Opportunities Commission, both in-cycle and out-of-cycle, with existing rights for MCGEO employees in other County agencies, which was the original intent of the bill. The amendment was adopted, and the Delegation unanimously voted favorable as amended on the bill. The amendment can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Next Steps: MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Appropriations Committee on 3/7</p>
<p><b>MC 13-23</b> (Senator Kramer)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Collective Bargaining for Sheriff's Office Employees – Binding Arbitration Procedures</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 763</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Pending</p> <p>MC CC: Pending</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Next Steps: MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Appropriations Committee on 3/9</p>

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<p><b>MC 15-23</b> (Delegates Korman, Kelly, &amp; Love &amp; Senator Lee)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Village of Friendship Heights Special Taxing District – Procurement</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 377</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Hearing in House Health and Government Operations Committee on 2/22</p> <p>Next Step: MoCo Senate Delegation</p>
<p><b>MC 16-23</b> (Requested by the Chair on behalf of the Montgomery County Government)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Holders of Class B-BWL (Clubhouse/Lodge) License and Class 7 Micro-Brewery License</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 277</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Hearing in House Economic Matters Committee on 2/20</p> <p>Next Step: MoCo Senate Delegation</p>
<p><b>MC 17-23</b> (Delegate Queen)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – New Single-Family Residential Real Property Sales – Contract Requirements</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 821</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Late Filed</p> <p>MC CC: Late Filed</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Next Steps: MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Environment and Transportation Committee on 3/07</p>
<p><b>MC/PG 101-23</b> (Requested by the Chair on behalf of WSSC)</p> <p><b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program – Revisions and Extension</b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Support</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p> <p>WSSC: Support</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – No action yet.</p> <p>Next Step: The bill must first be voted on by the PG House Delegation.</p>



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<p><b>MC/PG 103-23</b> (Senator Kramer)</p> <p><b>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Collective Bargaining Agreement Implementation – Dispute Arbitration</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 797</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: SWA</p> <p>MC CC: Pending</p> <p>PG Delegation: Not considering bill until MoCo House Delegation takes action</p> <p>M-NCPPC: Oppose</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – No action yet</p> <p>Next Step: The bill is scheduled for a worksession with the MoCo House Delegation’s Metro Area Washington Committee on 2/27.</p>
<p><b>MC/PG 104-23</b> (Senator Kramer)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Restructuring Task Force – Establishment</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 796</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Oppose</p> <p>PG Delegation: N/A</p> <p>M-NCPPC: Oppose</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Unfavorable</p>

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<p><b>MC/PG 105-23</b> (Senator Kramer)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Commissioner Requirements and Open Meetings (Montgomery County Planning Trust and Transparency Act of 2023)</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 778</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Support</p> <p>MC CC: Oppose</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p> <p>M-NCPPC: Oppose</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable with Amendments</p> <p>The House Delegation voted favorable on a heavily amended bill. Key amendments include those that: (1) delete all changes to the appointment, removal, and salary setting processes for Planning Board (PB) members; (2) delete all changes to open meetings requirements; (3) delete broad prohibitions against a PB member soliciting political contributions and engaging in political activities and substitute a narrower prohibition against a PB member soliciting financial contributions for any political candidate or organization from a person with business before the Commission or soliciting the endorsement of or opposition to a political candidate from any person with business before the Commission; (4) modify training requirements; (5) prohibit the PB Chair from holding any other full-time employment; (6) require the PB to report to the Delegation by December 31, 2023 on its ability to publish on its website frequently updated and timely information on regulatory matters over which the PB has decision-making authority; and (7) authorize individuals appointed by Montgomery County to any bicounty agency (i.e., M-NCPPC, WSSC, and Washington Suburban Transit Commission) to submit financial disclosure statements to the County Council electronically.</p> <p>The amendment can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Next Steps: PG House Delegation; MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Health and Government Operations Committee on 3/6</p>
<p><b>MC/PG 106-23</b> (Delegates Moon, Korman, &amp; Stewart)</p> <p><b>Montgomery County – Off-Street Parking Requirements Near Mass Transit Stations</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 819</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Oppose</p> <p>MC CC: Pending</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable</p> <p>Next Steps: PG House Delegation; MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Environment and Transportation Committee on 3/9</p>

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<p><b>MC/PG 107-23</b> (Delegates Lehman &amp; Peña-Melnyk)</p> <p><b>Prince George’s County – Maryland-Washington Regional District – Standing to Request Review of Zoning and Land Use Decisions</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 818</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE:</p> <p>MC CC:</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – No action yet</p> <p>The bill relates to standing to review zoning and land use decisions of the Prince George’s District Council. It has no impact on Montgomery County.</p> <p>Next Step: The bill must first be voted on by the PG House Delegation.</p>
<p><b>MC/PG 108-23</b> (Delegate Holmes)</p> <p><b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commissioner Qualifications and General Manager Voting</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 873</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Not reviewed.</p> <p>MC CC: Not reviewed.</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p> <p>WSSC: Under review</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Late-filed bill hearing on 2/24</p> <p>The bill requires that at least one commissioner from each county have a master’s or doctoral degree or equivalent and: (1) at least five years’ experience in managing a governmental entity or board of directors with comparable in scope and complexity; (2) education in the environmental sciences; or (3) professional experience in utility management. The bill also puts the General Manager on the Commission with voting powers except on matters relating to the Inspector General, Secretary, or salary of General Manager.</p> <p>Next Step: The bill must first be voted on by the PG House Delegation.</p>

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<p><b>MC/PG 109-23</b> (Delegates Foley &amp; Boafo)</p> <p><b>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Members</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 1009</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: SWA</p> <p>MC CC: SWA</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p> <p>M-NCPPC: No Position</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Favorable with amendments</p> <p>The bill applies to appointments made to M-NCPPC by both Montgomery County and Prince George’s County. In its original form, it would have repealed a requirement that at least two of the five members appointed from each county be from a different political party. The bill was amended to leave that current two-member rule in place unless the County Executive for the respective county receives at least 80% of the votes cast in the preceding General Election. In such case, at least one member appointed from the county must be from a different political party. The bill was also amended to require that each county consider the need for geographic, political, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity and the inclusion of individuals with disabilities on the Commission when making appointments. The amendments can be viewed in the consolidated bill – <a href="#">HB 1009</a>.</p> <p>Next Steps: PG House Delegation; MoCo Senate Delegation; Hearing in House Environment and Transportation Committee not yet scheduled</p>
<p><b>MC/PG 110-23</b> (Delegate Taveras)</p> <p><b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Membership – Alterations</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 1007</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Not reviewed.</p> <p>MC CC: Not reviewed.</p> <p>PG Delegation:</p> <p>WSSC:</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Late Filed Bill Hearing on 2/17</p> <p>Next Step: The bill must first be voted on by the PG House Delegation.</p>

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<p><b>MC/PG 111-23</b> (The Chair on behalf of the County Executive)</p> <p><b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Service in Regional Transit Districts in Prince George’s County – Contracts</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 872</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Not Reviewed</p> <p>MC CC: Not Reviewed</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p> <p>WSSC:</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Late Filed Bill Hearing on 2/24</p> <p>The bill authorizes WSSC to enter into contracts with the District of Columbia or the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a water supply, sewer, or drainage system for certain property located within a regional transit district in Prince George’s County. The bill must first be acted upon the Prince George’s Delegation, which is considering substantial amendments to the bill.</p> <p>Next Step: The bill must first be voted on in the PG House Delegation.</p>
<p><b>MC/PG 112-23</b> (Delegate Taveras)</p> <p><b>Prince George's County – Commercial Property – Right of Purchase</b></p> <p><b><u>HB 850</u></b></p>	<p>MC CE: Not Reviewed</p> <p>MC CC: Not Reviewed</p> <p>PG Delegation: Pending</p>	<p>MoCo House Delegation – Late Filed Bill Hearing on 2/24</p> <p>The bill requires at least one commissioner from each County have expertise regarding water conservation or mechanical, civil, environmental, or chemical engineering. It also puts the General Manager on the Commission with voting powers, except matters relating to GM, IG, and Secretary.</p> <p>The bill applies only to the Prince George’s County District Council. It has no impact on Montgomery County.</p> <p>Next Step: The bill must first be voted on in the PG House Delegation</p>