



WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

COMMISSION SUMMARY

AGENDA CATEGORY: Intergovernmental Relations Office

ITEM NUMBER: 1

DATE: March 19, 2014

SUBJECT	PG/MC 108-14: WSSC Commission – System Development Charge – Upgrade of Facilities
SUMMARY	PG MC 108-14 Commission Legislative report amended on February 19, 2014 per request of Commission Chair.
SPECIAL COMMENTS	
CONTRACT NO./ REFERENCE NO.	N/A
COSTS	N/A
AMENDMENT/ CHANGE ORDER NO. AMOUNT	N/A
MBE PARTICIPATION	N/A
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE REVIEW	GM/CEO Acting Director, Intergovernmental Relations Office
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE APPROVALS	
RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION	NA
COMMISSION ACTION	NA

PG/MC 108-14 - WSSC Commission – System Development Charge – Upgrade of Facilities (Delegate Jim Gilchrist)

For the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to allow a developer to upgrade an existing facility for a certain use necessary for the developer's project under certain circumstances; requiring that a certain upgraded facility be designed, constructed, and inspected in accordance with certain standards, laws, regulations, and written policies; requiring the Commission to accept a certain facility as part of the system and grant the developer a certain credit under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to explain in writing to the developer the reasons for rejecting the developer's request to upgrade a certain facility under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the upgrading of facilities and credits against charges by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

*This WSSC proposed legislation has received a local public hearing in Prince George's County and Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council have not taken a position on this bill. The Prince George's County Executive and the Prince George's County Council have not taken a position on this bill. The WSSC Commission has taken a position of **Oppose** on this bill. This bill is scheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014 and was held until the next meeting on February 4, 2014. This bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 4, 2014; however, there was not a quorum present for any formal action. The bill is scheduled to be heard on February 10, 2014.*

Amended February 19, 2014

This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 10, 2014. This bill was heard and held again as the sponsor, Delegate Jim Gilchrist, reported that the, Montgomery County, WSSC, the Developer and City of Gaithersburg had reached an impasse on a Memorandum of Understanding, and negotiations had ceased. The bill was held until February 17, 2014 for the next meeting of the Bi-County committee.

This bill was Withdrawn on February 19, 2014 by the Sponsor



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ITEM NUMBER: 2

DATE: March 19, 2014

SUBJECT	Third Annual Legislative Breakfast, January 23, 2014 Commission Legislative Update Summary amended to include Legislative Breakfast attendees for the record.
SUMMARY	The WSSC hosted its 3 rd Annual Legislative Breakfast on January 23, 2014 in Annapolis. Invitations were sent to all 63 elected officials in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. 28 elected officials, along with 28 other individuals attended. The attendance list is attached.
SPECIAL COMMENTS	
CONTRACT NO./ REFERENCE NO.	N/A
COSTS	N/A
AMENDMENT/ CHANGE ORDER NO. AMOUNT	N/A
MBE PARTICIPATION	N/A
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE REVIEW	GM/CEO Acting Director, Intergovernmental Relations Office
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE APPROVALS	
RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION	NA
COMMISSION ACTION	NA

WSSC's 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast
Lowe House Office Building, Room 170
January 23, 2014
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The Commission held its 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast on January 23, 2014 in the Lowe House Office Building in Annapolis. The event was sponsored by the Commission to provide an opportunity to Commissioners, senior staff, and key WSSC subject matter experts to meet and discuss our legislative agenda and other issues of importance to ratepayers. The breakfast also provided the opportunity for liaison and networking between legislators, legislative staff and WSSC in conducting the business of providing safe and reliable drinking water and sewer services to the 1.8 million residents in Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

The Intergovernmental Relations Office sent invitations to all 63 elected officials in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. A total of 54 confirmed to attend; 28 actually attended. Another 27 other individuals attended the breakfast which included representatives and staff of elected officials from Prince George's and Montgomery counties and several legislators from other jurisdictions.

Also in attendance and making brief comments was the Senate President, Mike Miller.

This was a successful and productive event.

WSSC
 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast
 Lowe House Office Building, Room 170
 January 23, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Invitees (63)	Confirmed to Attend (54)	Actually Attended (28)	Others (27)	Total Attendees (55)
MONTGOMERY COUNTY - 32				
Sen. Karen Montgomery	Sen. Karen Montgomery	---	Hilary Karve (Sen. Montgomery office)	
Sen. Brian Feldman	Sen. Brian Feldman	---	---	
Sen. Brian Frosh	Sen. Brian Frosh	---	---	
Sen. Jennie Forehand	Sen. Jennie Forehand	Sen. Jennie Forehand	---	
Sen. Richard Madaleno	---	---	---	
Sen. Roger Manno	Sen. Roger Manno	---	---	
Sen. Jamin B. Raskin	Sen. Jamin B. Raskin	---	---	
Sen. Nancy King	Sen. Nancy King	---	---	
Del. Anne R. Kaiser	---	---	---	
Del. Susan C. Lee	Del. Susan C. Lee	---	Anthony Janoski (Del. Lee's office)	
Del. Eric G. Luedtke	Del. Eric G. Luedtke	Del. Eric G. Luedtke	---	
Del. Craig J. Zucker	---	---	---	
Del. Kathleen M. Dumais	Del. Kathleen M. Dumais	---	---	
Del. David V. Fraser-Hidalgo	Del. David V. Fraser-Hidalgo	Del. David V. Fraser-Hidalgo	---	
Del. Aruna Miller	Del. Aruna Miller	Del. Aruna Miller	Suzanna Boyle (Del. Miller's office)	
Del. C. William Frick	---	---	---	
Del. Ariana B. Kelly	Del. Ariana B. Kelly	Del. Ariana B. Kelly	Davit Yomas (Del. Kelly's office)	
Del. Kumar P. Barve	Del. Kumar P. Barve	---	---	
Del. James W. Gilchrist	Del. James W. Gilchrist	Del. James W. Gilchrist	---	
Del. Luiz R. S. Simmons	Del. Luiz R. S. Simmons	---	---	
Del. Alfred C. Carr	Del. Alfred C. Carr	Del. Alfred C. Carr	---	
Del. Ana Sol Gutierrez	Del. Ana Sol Gutierrez	---	---	
Del. Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher	Del. Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher	---	---	
Del. Sam Arora	---	---	---	
Del. Bonnie L. Cullison	---	Del. Bonnie L. Cullison	Robert Bernhard (Del. Cullison's office)	
Del. Benjamin F. Kramer	Del. Benjamin F. Kramer	---	---	
Del. Sheila E. Hixson	Del. Sheila E. Hixson	---	Jane Ross (Del. Hixson's office)	
			Ashley Lynch (Del. Hixson's office)	
			Sarah Wolf (Del. Hixson's office)	
			Sharm Harris (Del. Hixson's office)	

Invitees	Confirmed to Attend	Actually Attended	Others
Del. Tom Hucker	Del. Tom Hucker	---	---
Del. Heather R. Mizour	---	---	---
Del. Charles E. Barkley	Del. Charles E. Barkley	Del. Charles E. Barkley	---
Del. Kirill Reznik	Del. Kirill Reznik	---	---
Del. Shane Robinson	Del. Shane Robinson	Del. Shane Robinson	Sean Mullin (Del. Robinson's office)
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY - 31			
Sen. Douglas Peters	Sen. Douglas Peters	Sen. Douglas Peters	---
Sen. Anthony Muse	---	---	---
Sen. Mike Miller	Sen. Mike Miller	Sen. Mike Miller	---
Sen. Paul Pinsky	---	---	---
Sen. James Rosapepe	---	---	---
Sen. Joanne Benson	Sen. Joanne Benson	---	---
Sen. Ulysses Currie	Sen. Ulysses Currie	---	---
Sen. Victor Ramirez	Sen. Victor Ramirez	---	---
Del. Jolene Ivey	Del. Jolene Ivey	Del. Jolene Ivey	Nikki Greco (Del. Ivey's office) Daniel Valentine (Del. Ivey's office) Cheryl Cook (Del. Ivey's office) Wanika Fisher (Del. Ivey's office)
			Georjean Schwab (Del. Barnes' office)
Del. Benjamin Barnes	Del. Benjamin Barnes	Del. Benjamin Barnes	---
Del. Veronica Turner	---	Del. Veronica Turner	---
Del. Barbara A. Frush	Del. Barbara A. Frush	Del. Barbara A. Frush	---
Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk	Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk	Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk	Michelle Garcia (Del. Melnyk's office)
Del. Tawanna Gaines	Del. Tawanna Gaines	Del. Tawanna Gaines	Pam Powers (Del. Gaines' office)
Del. Anne Healey	Del. Anne Healey	Del. Anne Healey	---
Del. Alonzo Washington	Del. Alonzo Washington	Del. Alonzo Washington	---
Del. James W. Hubbard	---	---	---
Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith	Del. Geraldine Valentino-Smith	---	---
Del. Marvin Holmes	Del. Marvin Holmes	Del. Marvin Holmes	Shirley Hamilton (Del. Holmes' office)
Del. Carolyn J. B. Howard	Del. Carolyn J. B. Howard	Del. Carolyn J. B. Howard	---
Del. Michael L. Vaughn	Del. Michael L. Vaughn	---	---
Del. Darren M. Swain	Del. Darren M. Swain	Del. Darren M. Swain	---
Del. Aisha N. Braveboy	Del. Aisha N. Braveboy	Del. Aisha N. Braveboy	---
Del. Derek E. Davis	---	---	---
Del. Melony Ghee Griffith	---	---	---
Del. Kriselda Valderrama	---	---	---
Del. Jay Walker	---	Del. Jay Walker	---
Del. James Proctor	---	---	---
Del. Joseph Vallario	---	---	---

Invitees	Confirmed to Attend	Actually Attended	Others
Del. Doyle Niemann	Del. Doyle Niemann	---	---
Del. Michael Summers	Del. Michael Summers	---	---
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WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

COMMISSION SUMMARY

AGENDA CATEGORY: Intergovernmental Relations Office

ITEM NUMBER: 3

DATE: March 19, 2014

SUBJECT	Intergovernmental Relations Office Legislative Report
SUMMARY	This report reflects the current status of Commission sponsored legislation, Non Commission sponsored legislation and other legislation of interest to the Commission in the 2014 Maryland Legislative session.
SPECIAL COMMENTS	
CONTRACT NO./ REFERENCE NO.	N/A
COSTS	N/A
AMENDMENT/ CHANGE ORDER NO. AMOUNT	N/A
MBE PARTICIPATION	N/A
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE REVIEW	GM/CEO Acting Director, Intergovernmental Relations Office
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE APPROVALS	
RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION	NA
COMMISSION ACTION	NA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Commission Report – March 19, 2014

WSSC COMMISSION SPONSORED LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

HB 0973 (PG/MC 102-140) - WSSC Commission - Commission Infractions - Watershed Regulations

For the purpose of increasing the maximum preset fines that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission may establish for certain violations of certain watershed regulations and for a certain repeat offense; increasing the maximum fine for a first or a repeat offense that a person must pay if the District Court finds that the person violated certain Commission watershed regulations; and generally relating to violations of regulations adopted by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

*This WSSC proposed legislation has received a local public hearing in Prince George's County and Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council have taken a position of **Support** on this bill. The Prince George's County Executive and the Prince George's County Council have taken a position of **Support** on this bill. This bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 21, 2014, but was postponed. This bill was rescheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014 and was held until the next meeting on February 4, 2014 for amendments from Delegate Luedtke. This bill was scheduled for a hearing by the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 4, 2014; however, there was not a quorum present for any formal action. Delegate Luedtke informed the Chair that he is preparing an amendment to this bill that will change the amounts of the preset fines from \$250.00 and \$500.00 as requested by WSSC to \$150.00 and \$300.00. This bill was scheduled to be heard on February 10, 2014. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 10, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report (5-1) with amendment by Delegate Luedtke lowering the requested amounts of \$250.00 for first offense and \$500.00 for repeat offense to \$150.00 for the first offense and \$300.00 for a repeat offense. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Delegation on February 14, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report. The bill was heard in the Prince George's County Bi-County Committee on February 19, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report.*

*The bill was heard in the Prince George's County Delegation on February 21, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report. This bill is scheduled to be heard in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 7, 2014. This bill was heard in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 7, 2014, and no vote was taken. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Senate Delegation on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 and moved **Favorable**.*

HB 0975 (PG/MC 103-14) - WSSC Commission - Customer Affordability Program

For the purpose of authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish a Customer Affordability Program for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to establish certain income eligibility standards for certain ratepayers to receive assistance under the Program; requiring certain income eligibility standards to be applied uniformly throughout the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; providing for the funding of the Program; and generally relating to a Customer Affordability Program in the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

*This WSSC proposed legislation has received a local public hearing in Prince George's County and Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council have taken a position of **Support** on this bill. The Prince George's County Executive has taken a position of **No Position** on this bill. The Prince George's County Council has not taken a position on this bill. This bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, but was postponed. This bill is rescheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014 and received an **Unfavorable** report of the members present. It is being held until the next meeting on February 4, 2014 for a vote of the full Committee. This bill was scheduled for a hearing by the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 4, 2014; however, there was not a quorum present for any formal action. Delegate Luedtke informed the Chair that he was preparing an amendment to this bill that will change the bill from enabling legislation to a study bill. This change is to allow WSSC to address the concerns of Delegate Kramer and Delegate Carr and add language to the bill that includes WSSC customers residing in multi-unit apartments, condos, etc. that are on master meters. This bill was held and scheduled to be heard on February 10, 2014. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 10, 2014. This bill received a **Favorable** report (5-1) with amendment by Delegate Luedtke to having the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to handle administration of the program.*

*This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 17, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report with a second amendment. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Montgomery County Delegation on February 21, 2014. On February 21, 2014, the bill was held in the Montgomery County Delegation upon request of the Bi-County Chair. The request for the bill to be held was made by WSSC following a vote of the Commission on February 19, 2014, in attempts to introduce an alternative Customer Affordability Program bill. The WSSC General Manager recommended to the Commission that the bill be withdrawn. The WSSC Commission met on February 19, 2014 and voted to withdraw this bill. On February 19, 2014, this bill was **Withdrawn** in the Montgomery and Prince George's County Delegations.*

HB 1075 (PG/MC 106-14) - WSSC Commission - System Development Charge - Definitions

For the purpose of defining the term "apartment unit"; altering the definition of "new service" to include a direct connection of an improvement or building and a connection through an existing on-site system; and generally relating to system development charges.

*This WSSC proposed legislation has received a local public hearing in Prince George's County and Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council have taken of **Support** on this bill. The Prince George's County Executive and the Prince George's County Council have taken a position of **Support** on this bill. This bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 21, 2014, but was postponed. This bill is rescheduled for a hearing in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on January 28, 2014 and was held until the next meeting on February 4, 2014. This bill was scheduled for a hearing by the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 4, 2014; however, there was not a quorum present for any formal action. The bill is scheduled to be heard on February 10, 2014.*

*This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Bi-County Committee on February 10, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report (6-0). This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Delegation on February 14, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report.*

*This bill was heard in the Prince George's County Bi-County Committee on February 19, 2014. The bill was held by the Committee for further testimony and information to be provided by WSSC. This bill was heard again in the Bi-County Committee on February 26, 2014 and held for additional questions and information to be provided by WSSC. The bill is scheduled to be heard on March 5, 2014. This bill was heard in the Prince George's County Bi-County Committee on March 5, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report with amendments. This bill was heard in the Prince George's Delegation on March 7, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report with amendments. This bill was heard in the Montgomery County Senate Delegation on March 11, 2014 and no vote was taken.*

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER STATEWIDE LEGISLATION BEING MONITORED

HB 1043 (PG 413-14) - Prince George's County - Deferred Water and Sewer Charges Homeowner Disclosure Act of 2014 (Senator Douglas Peters)

For the purpose of requiring a registered home builder in Prince George's County to include certain information relating to deferred water and sewer charges in certain sales contracts under certain circumstances; requiring a certain contract of sale in the county to include certain information relating to deferred water and sewer charges; authorizing the purchaser to recover certain damages or take certain actions under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person in the county that is incurring certain water and sewer costs from amortizing costs passed on to a purchaser for more than a certain period of time; requiring a certain person that imposes a deferred water and sewer charge to provide the property owner with a bill including certain information; authorizing the balance owed on a deferred water and sewer assessment to be redeemed for a certain amount; authorizing a sales contract in the county to include the total amount of certain deferred water and sewer charges in the price of certain property; requiring the county to study certain issues relating to deferred water and sewer charges and report its findings to the Prince George's County Senators and the House Delegation on or before a certain date; authorizing the county, in completing the studies required under this Act, to consult with certain water and sewer companies; and generally relating to deferred water and sewer charges in Prince George's County.

*This bill received a local public hearing in Prince George's County. This bill received a hearing in the Prince George's County Delegation and was referred to the Prince George's Delegation County Affairs Committee on January 17, 2014. This bill received a **Favorable** report from The Prince George's County County Affairs Committee, and the bill passed **Favorable** by the Prince George's County Delegation on Friday, January 24, 2014. This bill moved to the House Environmental Matters Committee and is scheduled to be heard in that Committee on March 7, 2014. This bill was heard in the House Environmental Matters Committee on March 7, 2014, and no vote was taken.*

HB 0005 - State Board of Plumbing - Continuing Professional Competency - Master Plumbers and Master Natural Gas Fitters (Chair, Economic Matters Committee)

This bill will require licensed plumbers and gas fitters to obtain eight (8) hours of trade related continuing education annually.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0005&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

*This bill was heard in the House Economic Matters Committee on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. This bill received an **Unfavorable** report in the House Economic Matters Committee.*

HB 0361 - State Plumbing Code - Adoption of International Code Council Standards (Delegates Afzali, Arentz, McComas, Myers, and Norman)

This bill will require the State Plumbing Board to recognize just one plumbing code, the International Plumbing Code (IPC).

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014RS/bills/hb/hb0361F.pdf>

*This bill was heard in the House Economic Matters Committee on February 4, 2014. This bill received an **Unfavorable** report in the House Economic Matters Committee.*

HB 11 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund -Authorized Uses (Chair, Environmental Matters)

This bill authorizes certain fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to pay certain debt issued by a local government for the cost of connecting properties served by on-site sewage disposal systems to certain existing municipal wastewater facilities under certain circumstances; altering certain conditions for certain funding of certain costs; and generally relating to authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0011&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

This bill was heard in the House Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on January 29, 2014. This bill passed Third Reader in the House on March 12, 2014. The bill was referred to in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on March 13, 2014 and a hearing was held in the EHE on March 14, 2014.

HB 12 - Environment - Bay Restoration Fund-Local Entities (Chair, Environmental Matters)

This bill authorizes certain fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used by certain local entities to implement certain on-site sewage disposal system regulations; and generally relating to authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0012&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

*This bill was heard in the House Environmental Matters Committee on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. The bill received a **Favorable** report by the House Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on February 17, 2014 and passed Third reader the House on February 20, 2014. A hearing was held in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on March 11, 2014.*

SB 27/HB193 - Nutrient Management - Phosphorous Risk Assessment Tool or Index - Economic Impact Analysis (Senator Mathias)

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture to prepare an economic impact analysis before making any change to a specified phosphorus risk assessment tool or index; requiring the economic impact analysis to estimate the cost or economic benefit of a proposed change to a phosphorus risk assessment tool or index to a person required to have a nutrient management plan for nitrogen and phosphorus; requiring the economic impact analysis to include estimates directly related to specified effects of the proposed change; etc.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=SB0027&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

This bill was heard in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on January 29, 2014. The House version (HB 193) was heard in the Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on January 29, 2014 and no vote was taken.

SB 101 - Environment - Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund - Use of Funds (Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs)

This bill authorizes the use of the Maryland Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund to provide assistance in the form of grants, negative interest loans, forgiveness of principal, subsidized interest rates, or other forms of financial assistance, as authorized or required by specified provisions of federal law.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=SB0101&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

*This bill was heard in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on January 14, 2014. The bill received a **Favorable** report by EHE on Thursday, January 16, 2014, and passed Third Reader in the Senate on January 21, 2014. A hearing is scheduled in the House Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on March 19, 2014.*

SB 706/HB 1210 – Environment - Permit Determinations - Cumulative Impact Assessments (Senators Benson, Madaleno, Manno, Pinsky, Ramirez, and Rosapepe)

This bill will require the Department of the Environment to conduct a cumulative impact assessment before preparing a tentative determination on specified permit applications; requiring a cumulative impact assessment to address the likely impact on the environment and on human populations that will

result from specified incremental impacts; authorizing the Department to take specified actions with respect to a permit on the basis of a cumulative impact assessment conducted under the Act; etc.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=SB0706&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

This bill was introduced on January 31, 2014 and a hearing has been scheduled in the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) for February 25, 2014. This bill was heard in the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on February 25, 2014. The House version (HB 1210) was heard in the Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on March 5, 2014 and no vote was taken.

SB 564/HB 834 - Environment - Water Pollution Control - Penalty (Senator Simonaire)

This bill increases a specified penalty for specified violations of the water pollution control law from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for each violation and from \$50,000 to \$100,000 total.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb0564&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

*This bill is scheduled for a hearing in the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on February 11, 2014. This bill was heard in the Education, Health, and Environment Affairs Committee (EHE) on February 11, 2014. The bill received a **Favorable** report by the EHE on February 20, 2014 and passed Third Reader in the Senate on February 25, 2014 and is scheduled for a hearing in the House Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on March 19, 2014. The House version (HB 834) was heard in the Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on January 29, 2014 and received a **Favorable** report by ENV on March 3, 2014. The bill passed Third Reader in the House on March 6, 2014.*

HB 937 - Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Distribution of Financial Assistance (Delegates Elliott, Arentz, Aumann, Bates, Beitzel, Cluster, Conway, Eckardt, Hogan, Hucker, Impallaria, Jameson, Kaiser, K. Kelly, Kipke, Krebs, McDermott, McDonough, McIntosh, Norman, Otto, Parrott, Ready, Reznik, Rudolph, Schulz, Serafini, Stocksdale, Vitale)

This bill requires the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration in the Department of the Environment to ensure the fair and equitable distribution of specified financial assistance among wastewater facilities with a design capacity less than 500,000 gallons per day and wastewater facilities with a design capacity of 500,000 gallons per day or more.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0937&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

*This bill was heard in the House Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on February 21, 2014. This bill received a **Favorable** report by the ENV on March 3, 2014. The bill passed Third Reader in the House on March 6, 2014. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on March 18, 2014.*

HB 945 - Sewage Sludge - Permit Applications and Public Hearings - Notification (Cecil County Delegation)

This bill requires the Department of the Environment to mail a copy of specified notices to the record owners of any property adjoining land for which the Department has received a specified sewage sludge utilization permit application; requiring the publication and posting of specified notices; establishing requirements for specified notices; etc.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=hb0945&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

This bill was heard in the House Environmental Matters Committee (ENV) on February 21, 2014.

SB 1071 - Montgomery County and Prince George's County Fair Share Act of 2014 (Senator Colburn)

This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission each year to impose on specified ratepayers a sewage and sludge remediation charge; requiring the Montgomery County Council and the Prince George's County Council to meet each year to determine the amount of the sewage and sludge remediation charge; requiring the county councils to consider specified anticipated costs when determining the amount of the sewage and sludge remediation charge; etc.

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?id=sb1071&stab=01&pid=billpage&tab=subject3&ys=2014RS>

A hearing is scheduled in the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (EHE) on March 18, 2014.