



WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION
COMMISSION SUMMARY

AGENDA CATEGORY: IRO

ITEM NUMBER: 1

DATE: March 19, 2008

SUBJECT	Work Session (WSSC Bi County Legislation)
SUMMARY	Update on WSSC Bi County Legislation in the Maryland General Assembly PG/MC 102-08 HB 940 PG/MC 104-08 HB 932 PG/MC 106-08 HB 926 PG/MC 115-08 HB 929
SPECIAL COMMENTS	
CONTRACT NO./ REFERENCE NO.	N/A
COSTS	None
AMENDMENT/ CHANGE ORDER NO. AMOUNT	N/A
MBE PARTICIPATION	N/A
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE REVIEW	Intergovernmental Relations Director See attached for WSSC Positions and status of bills
PRIOR STAFF/ COMMITTEE APPROVALS	Interim General Manager, Interim Deputy General Manager
RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSION	N/A
COMMISSION ACTION	For Information Only

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Note: The actions and positions stated are as of March 11, 2008.

Bill Info		Summary of Proposal	Recent Action	Notes
PG/MC 102-08 HB 940	Chair on behalf of Montgomery County	<p>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and Maryland – National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Appointments – Interview and Financial Statements</p> <p>The bill amends the Sanitary District Laws to eliminate the requirement that the County Executives interview all applicants for reappointment or appointment to the WSSC and instead makes the interviews permissive. The bill also changes the time period covered by a candidate's financial disclosure statement to ensure the information is current. This change also affects Montgomery County appointees to the Maryland – National Capital Park and Planning Commission.</p>	<p>LOCAL:</p> <p>Reported out FAVORABLE from the Montgomery County and Prince George's County House Delegations, and the Montgomery County Senate Delegation. Now before the Prince George's Senate Delegation.</p> <p>HOUSE:</p> <p>Environmental Matters reported out as FAVORABLE 3/3/08. House Adopted Favorable report and 2nd Reading passed 3/4/08. 3rd Reading passed House (137-0) 3/6/08.</p> <p>SENATE:</p> <p>1st Reading Education, Health and Environmental Affairs.</p>	<p>WSSC Supports</p> <p>MNCPPC, MCC, MCE, PGCE all Support</p>

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PG/MC 104-08 HB 932	Chair on behalf of Prince George's County Council	<p>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Budget Approval</p> <p>This bill provides that if the county councils of Montgomery and Prince George's counties fail to concur on the operating budget by a certain time, the WSSC proposed operating budget will prevail. If the county councils of Montgomery and Prince George's counties fail to concur on the capital budget of the WSSC by a certain time, the funding levels may not exceed the previous year's approved funding levels.</p>	<p>LOCAL:</p> <p>Reported out FAVORABLE from the Prince George's Bi County and House Delegation.</p> <p>Reported out UNFAVORABLE from the Montgomery Bi County and House Delegation.</p> <p>HOUSE:</p> <p>Referred to House Economic Matters Committee. 1st Reading 2/6/08.</p> <p>This bill will be withdrawn.</p>	<p>WSSC Opposes</p> <p>PGCC Supports</p> <p>MCC Opposes</p> <p>MCE Opposes</p>
PG/MC 106-08 HB926	Chair of behalf of Prince George's County Council	<p>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – System Development Surcharge – Exemptions</p> <p>The bill expands the SDC exemption allowances by the Counties by changing exclusive property use to primary property use and by changing the sunset date from 2009 to 2012.</p>	<p>LOCAL:</p> <p>Reported out as UNFAVORABLE from the Prince George's Bi County and House Delegations.</p> <p>HOUSE:</p> <p>Bill withdrawn by delegation sponsors 3/3/08.</p>	<p>WSSC Supports</p> <p>PGCC Supports</p> <p>PGCE No Position</p>

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PC/MC 115-08 HB 929	Del. Healey	<p>Prince George's County Energy Tax – WSSC This bill precludes WSSC from being exempted, except under certain circumstances, from a tax on energy or fuel used in Prince George's County. This tax would be on any form of energy or fuel used in the county not otherwise exempted. The tax would thus be on WSSC as a user of energy as itemized on our utility bills and collected by the vendor on behalf of the county.</p>	<p>LOCAL:</p> <p>Reported out as FAVORABLE from the Prince George's County Bi County and House Delegations.</p> <p>Reported out as FAVORABLE from the Montgomery County Bi County 3/10/08.</p> <p>HOUSE:</p> <p>Referred to House Ways & Means Committee. 1st Reading 2/6/08. Hearing scheduled for 3/11/08 at 1:00 pm.</p>	<p>WSSC Supports</p> <p>MCE Supports</p> <p>MCC No Position</p> <p>PGCE No Position</p> <p>PGCC Support</p>