

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-010-2016
Draft No.: 2
Committee: PUBLIC SAFTEY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT
Date: 04/07/2016
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended: (In Favor: Council Member Franklin, Turner, Lehman, and Harrison)

CB-10-2016 as proposed amends Subtitle 10, Section 10-235 of the Prince George's County Code to revise the definition of a Certified Green Business as it relates to the Green Business Real and Personal Property Tax Credit. The proposed legislation provides authority to the Department of the Environment to certify a business as a Certified Green Business. The legislation also requires a business to be in compliance with guidelines, and standards adopted pursuant to Green America's Green Business Certification, and recognized by Prince George's County.

During the Committee meeting the Committee heard testimony from Lisa Lincoln representing the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce supporting the bill.

Linda Allen, Office of Finance, stated that the bill will help with the tax credits by providing the definition of a Green Business.

The Committee accepted a proposed Draft 2 of the bill which contained the following technical amendments: on page 2, line 14, after "official" underline "Prince George's Department," on line 17 after "adapted" underline "pursuant to", and line 18 after "Maryland" underline "Green America's Green Business Certification".

The Office of Law reports CB-10-2016, Draft 2 to be in proper legal form with no impediments to its enactment.

The Office of Audits and Investigations reports that enactment of CB-10-2016 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

After discussion the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee reported CB-10-2016 out favorable as amended 4-0.