

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-006-2023

Draft No.: 2

Committee: TIEE

Date: 02/23/2023

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Hawkins, Ivey and Watson).

The Committee convened on February 23, 2023 to discuss amendments to CR-6-2023 which, as originally drafted, proposed the permanent adoption of the Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the County, as submitted to the Council by the County's Climate Action Commission (CAC) on January 14, 2022.

Upon receipt of the CAP, the Council adopted CR-32-2022 on July 12, 2022 to document support for: the County's Draft Climate Action Plan; the County Executive's Executive Order 5-2022 creating a Climate Action Implementation Task Force and Resident Advisory Group; the PGPCS Climate Change Action Plan; and the Climate Solutions Now Act adopted by the State of Maryland. CR-32-2022 also revises the County's goal of achieving carbon-neutrality from 2050 to 2045, requires status briefings and annual reporting to the Council, as well as a sunset of the resolution on December 31, 2023.

The amendments to CR-6-2023 removed references to permanent adoption of the Draft Climate Action Plan and several references to language contained in CR-32-2022 while adding language removing the sunset provision. These amendments allow the provisions of CR-32-2022 to remain in effect without further Council action. The amendments were provided by staff as a proposed Draft 2. The County Executive's Office expressed support for the amended bill.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CR-6-2023 as amended by a vote of 5-0.