

# Prince George's County Council

## Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/23/2004  
**Reference No.:** CB-084-2004  
**Draft No.:** 3  
**Proposer(s):** Dean  
**Sponsor(s):** Dean, Harrington, Dernoga, Exum, Bland, Knotts  
**Item Title:** An Act establishing a Solid Waste Advisory Commission and setting forth its duties and responsibilities

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**Drafter:** Colette R. Gresham, Assistant Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Nell W. Johnson, Legislative Aide

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	9/14/2004	<b>Executive Action:</b>	12/8/2004 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	9/14/2004 - THE	<b>Effective Date:</b>	1/24/2005

**Committee Action:** 10/14/2004 - HELD  
10/21/2004 - HELD  
10/28/2004 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 11/1/2004  
**Public Hearing:** 11/23/2004 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action (1)** 11/23/2004 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** MB:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, DCH:A, TH:-, TK:A, DP:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

21-125.01, 21-125.02, 21-125.03, 21-125.04

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING & THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Date 10/28/2004**

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrington, Peters, Dean, Hendershot, and Knotts).

Staff summarized the purpose of the bill and written referral comments that were received. CB-84-2004 establishes a Solid Waste Advisory Committee and sets forth its duties and responsibilities as recommended by the Environmental Justice Task Force. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide community input, guidance, and advice to the County Executive and County Council on matters relating to solid waste management within the County.

The Department of Environmental Resources supports this legislation and indicates that the Advisory Committee will be an ideal and important vehicle for providing the community with an ongoing voice in the County's decision-making process regarding solid waste management in the County.

Staff provided the Committee with a proposed Draft 2 reflecting the sponsor's amendments. The sponsor modified the nominee process. The County Executive shall appoint fifteen (15) members with confirmation by the County Council. The County Executive shall accept a list of persons submitted by the County Council for at least five (5) of the appointments including the vice chairman. The County Executive shall designate (2) members to serve as chairman and vice chairman.

A Committee Member recommended that preparation of fiscal impact statements be included as a duty of the Commission. This language is incorporated in Draft 2. Also, the Committee recommended changing the name of the Advisory "Committee" to "Commission".

The Office of Law provided revised language regarding the staggered term language that the Committee did not consider. The Assistant Legislative Officer finds it to be in proper legislative form, and the Office of Audits and Investigations determined that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-84-2004.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed legislation would establish a Solid Waste Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Environmental Justice Task Force report, to provide community input, guidance and advice to the County Executive and County Council on matters relating to solid waste management within the County.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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