

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2015 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CR-52-2015

Draft No.: 1

Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Date: October 13, 2015

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0-1 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Glaros, Davis, and Toles. Abstain: Council Member Taveras)

Council staff summarized the purpose of the resolution. CR-52-2015 endorses a Statewide Paid Sick and Safe Leave Requirement and provides that the enactment of such a law shall be one of the Prince George's County Council's highest legislative priorities in the Maryland General Assembly's 2016 legislative session.

Council Chairman Franklin, a sponsor of the resolution, commented on the benefit of a statewide requirement in ensuring that Prince George's County would not be placed in a competitive disadvantage in attracting businesses. Council Vice-Chair Davis, also a sponsor of the resolution, concurred with the Council Chairman indicating that the requirement should be considered from a regional perspective. Council Member Lehman expressed concern with the approach of continuing to wait for a statewide bill and the need for the County to move forward with its own requirement.

Nathaniel Tutt, representing the County Executive's Office, informed the Committee that the County Executive is in support of CR-52-2015. The following individuals testified in support of the resolution: Ron Wineholt, representing the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington; Melvin Thompson, representing the Restaurant Association of Maryland; Bruce Bereano, representing Safeway Stores, Inc.

The Office of Law reviewed CR-52-2015 and determined that it is in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption. The Committee voted favorable on the resolution as drafted.