

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

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Committee: TIEE

Date: 06/23/2022

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended, 4-0 (In Favor: Council Members Streeter, Turner, Dernoga and Taveras. Absent: Council Member Glaros)

The Committee convened on June 9, 2022, and again on June 23, 2022, to discuss this legislation, which adopts the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission's Climate Action Plan for Prince George's County. The legislation also establishes a County-wide emissions reduction goal and directs the Department of Environment to lead implementation of the 26 priority recommendations in conjunction with other County agencies, the County Council and other government entities. It adopts a County-wide emissions reduction goal of 50% below 2005 levels by 2030; and it adopts a County-wide goal of achieving carbon-neutrality by 2050.

The Committee discussed the expectations created by the Council's adoption of the plan submitted by the Climate Action Commission, as well as the need to convey that the plan will continue to be revised and updated on an ongoing basis. As a result of the Committee's discussion, the following amendments (as well as technical corrections) were approved:

- 1) Language added indicating support of Executive Order 5-2022 creating a Climate Action Implementation Task Force and Resident Advisory Group issued by County Executive Alsobrooks on May 6, 2022
- 2) Language added in support of the Prince George's County Public School System Climate Change Action Plan approved by the Board of Education on April 28, 2022
- 3) Reference added regarding the Climate Solutions Now Act, (adopted by the State of Maryland in April 2022) establishing the goal to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions state-wide by 2045
- 4) Language added recognizing that the draft Climate Action Plan (including the Supplementary Comments Report) is a dynamic plan which will be revised to stay current with rapidly changing events, and certain policies will have to be implemented by legislation
- 5) Revises the County-wide goal of achieving carbon-neutrality from 2050 to 2045
- 6) Requires status briefings and report to the County Council on at least an annual basis
- 7) Adds signature line on the Resolution for the County Executive

After discussion, the Committee voted Favorably on CR-32-2022 as amended by a vote of 4-0.