

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

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Committee:	Government Operations and Fiscal Policy
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Action:	FAV

REPORT: Favorable 4-0: Council Members Burroughs, Harrison, Ivey and Oriadha. Absent: Fisher

The Prince George's County Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on June 13, 2023, to consider CR-031-2023. The County Council is asked to consider approval of CR-031-2023 for a contract for financial-related projects and economic-related technical assistance and analysis services for environmental and climate action programs pursuant to Section 819 of the Prince Georges County Charter. Specifically, the contract provides professional support services by a consultant, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MCOG), to assist County staff, the Climate Action Implementation Task Force, and the Resident Advisory Group for Climate Action and Environmental Justice with developing the County's Climate Action Plan Implementation Strategy in accordance with Executive Order No. 5—2022 and Council Resolution CR-32-2022.

Andrea Crooms, Director, Department of Environment, explained the Bill.

The Budget and Policy Analysis group, advises that the direct impact of "adoption of CR-031-2023 will have an adverse fiscal impact on the County in the form of additional expenditures of up to \$1,000,000 annually through June 30, 2026 (FY2026)." His report also advises adoption of CR-031-2023 may have a favorable indirect "to the extent that the consultants selected by MWCOG and approved by the County contribute to the successful implementation of priorities within the Climate Action Plan, the County could expect to see cost savings of energy with county buildings and through its vehicle fleet, and reduced effects of stormwater and flooding effects and greater climate change resiliency. Additionally, smart-growth policies and actions, although often difficult to quantify, can, over the long-term, reduce costs in terms of infrastructure maintenance and replacement and overall lower greenhouse gas production, leading to a healthier environment and possible improvements in health outcomes and increased quality of life for residents and workers."

The Office of Law finds CR-031-2023 to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its adoption.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee reported CR-031-2023 out favorably, 4-0.