PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR-081-2026
Draft No.:	2
Committee:	Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment
Date:	9/24/2026
Action:	FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In Favor: Council Members Dernoga, Adams, Hunter, and Harrison)

The Council convened on September 1st , 2026, and referred this to the TIEE Committee. The Bill was then heard in Committee on September 24th, 2026.

The Bill requests that the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) impose a utility shut-off moratorium for certain periods for low-and-moderate income households, certain senior households, and households with persons that have certain medical conditions in Prince George's County. It further asks the PSC to begin a study on patterns of utility use and associated customer costs to determine whether further pausing of shut offs is necessary in the County. Additionally, the Resolution requests the Commission to partner with PJM (Regional Transmission Organization) to conduct comprehensive review policy mechanisms that may lower utility rates in the jurisdiction. The legislation also calls for further consumer protections like a formal emergency shutoff halt authority, strengthen seasonal shutoff processes, and post-moratorium stabilization measures for more vulnerable residents.

Ms. Canning noted the amendments that were included in Draft 2, which included two seasonal cycles of utility shut-off moratorium.

Ms. Adams-Stafford, the Resolution's initial sponsor, said that she receives calls regularly from seniors who struggle to pay their utility bills, many of whom live below the poverty line. She noted that utilities are a necessity, not a luxury. Mr. Harrison inquired about getting utility rates to come down. Several councilmembers agreed there needs to be more energy generated. Council Member Adams underscored the importance of this legislation.

The County Executive's office had no objections to the legislation.

The Committee voted Favorably on CR-081-2026 by a vote of 4-0.