

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

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RE:

Fiscal Impact Statement

CR-007-2018 DR-1 Prince George's Calling for 100% Renewable Energy

Legislative Summary

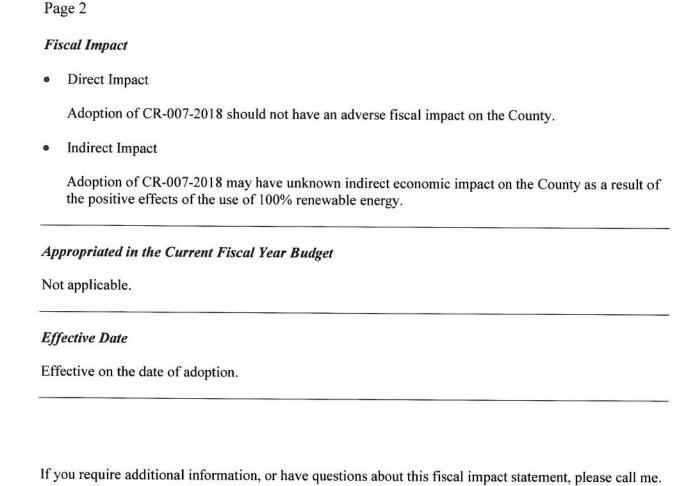
CR-007-2018 seeks to provide that Prince George's County Council urge the Maryland General Assembly to increase the state's renewable portfolio standard to a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035. The renewable portfolio standard must only contain safe, clean energy generation sources and not greenhouse gas emitting sources.

Background

According to Maryland's Public Service Commission, the Renewable Portfolio Standards Program was created to "recognize and develop the benefits associated with a diverse collection of renewable energy supplies". This goal is achieved through the recognition of environmental and consumer benefits associated with renewable energy.

Assumptions and Methodology

We assume that there exists scientific consensus to support that human activity causing the release of greenhouse gases due to the use of fossil fuels is causing the warming of the Earth's climate. The impact of which can be far reaching and may increase the likelihood of extreme weather events and sea level rise.



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