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WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Bill: **HB 370: – Bicounty Commissions – Annual Reports – Conflicts of Interest and Lobbying PG/MC 102-20**

Sponsor: Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Committee: House Environment and Transportation Committee

Date: March 10, 2020

Position: **Support with Amendments**

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) **supports with amendments** HB 370: *Bicounty Commissions – Annual Reports – Conflicts of Interest and Lobbying PG/MC 102-20*.

The proposed legislation requires bicounty commissions to prepare an annual report on their conflicts of interest issues, lobbying activities before the commission, and regulations on those topics by April 15 each year. It also requires bicounty commissions to submit their annual reports to the governing body of each county in which the commission operates, and publish the reports on the commission’s website.

Currently, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§5-823(d) and 5-830(d) and WSSC Code of Ethics §2-10 requires annual reports to be prepared on conflicts of interest, lobbying activities before the Commission, and regulations on those topics to be submitted to the Montgomery and Prince George’s County Councils. HB 370 establishes a date by which the Commission must prepare, submit and post the annual conflicts of interest and lobbying reports.

WSSC requests your support for the sponsor’s amendment to change the date the annual report must be prepared, submitted and published by bicounty commissions from April 15th to April 30th as this change will provide consistency for all boards and commissions throughout the State.

WSSC requests a **FAVORABLE with AMENDMENTS** report for HB 370.

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