

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 7 (Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee)(By Request -
Departmental - General Services)

Budget and Taxation

Environment and Transportation

Maryland Green Building Council - Membership

This departmental bill alters the membership of the Maryland Green Building Council (MGBC) by removing the Secretary of Housing and Community Development or designee and adding the Secretary of Labor or designee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. It is assumed that there is no net effect on expense reimbursements by adding one member and removing another from MGBC. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of General Services (DGS) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). The Department of Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: MGBC is charged with:

- evaluating current high-performance building technologies;
- recommending the most cost-effective green building technologies that the State might consider requiring in the construction of State facilities;
- providing recommendations concerning how to expand green building in the State;

- developing a list of building types for which green building technologies should not be applied; and
- establishing a process for receiving public input.

DGS provides staffing for the council, and the council must report annually on its activities to the Governor and General Assembly.

Background: The Secretary of Housing and Community Development was included as a member of MGBC in large part because the State's Building Codes Administration was located in the Department of Housing and Community Development. However, Chapter 673 of 2018 transferred the Building Codes Administration to the Maryland Department of Labor. DGS advises that it anticipates the same individual who had been designated by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to serve on the council will continue to serve as the designee of the Secretary of Labor.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of General Services; Department of Housing and Community Development; Maryland Department of Labor; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Maryland Green Building Council

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 7

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

 X WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON
MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS

OR

 WILL HAVED MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND
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PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS