

Background:

- SB 308 is identical to HB 61 of 2021, which sought to establish a statewide Green Business Certification program but did not pass out of the Senate largely due to the timing of the Senate crossover hearing.
- HB 61 passed unanimously out of committee and on the House floor on a consent calendar vote of 133-2.
- HB 61 received overwhelming [favorable support](#) in committee and was the result of collaborative discussions with the Maryland Department of Environment.
- [Montgomery](#) and [Prince George's](#) Counties currently have successful local green business certification programs that this legislation is modeled on.