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HB 609 – Environment - Waste Haulers - Reporting Requirement

DATE: February 22, 2023
COMMITTEE: House Environment and Transportation
POSITION: Favorable with Amendments
FROM: Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give HB 609 – Environment - Waste Haulers - Reporting Requirement a favorable report with amendments.

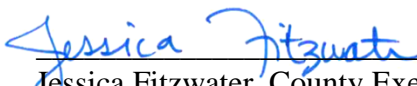
This bill requires waste haulers that dispose of waste to a facility in a county to submit a report on waste disposal activities. Frederick County supports this initiative and sees the need for this information sharing. We believe that a minor amendment requiring the report to include information about where the waste was generated and collected is needed. Information about the origin is important for the State and Counties to have because it impacts our recycling rates.

As part of the Maryland Department of the Environment's reporting requirements, all waste must be assigned to a jurisdiction and used to determine recycling and waste diversion rates. When MDE has incomplete information, this waste is often assigned to the incorrect jurisdiction, leading to inaccurate recycling rates. A simple requirement to report the waste generation and collection location will address this ongoing problem and help MDE more effectively complete its reporting tasks.

Our team has discussed this minor change with the Baltimore City team who has indicated support for this amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 609 – Environment - Waste Haulers - Reporting Requirement. I urge the committee to give this bill a favorable report with amendments.

Respectfully,



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