

Favorable with Amendments – SB0356 Transportation -Citizens
Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding BWI Thurgood
Marshall Airport - Modification

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The Citizens Committee is currently very active and in my opinion is doing a good job. Expanding their role to include the items in this bill would be beneficial to the communities surrounding BWI, one in which I reside.

The only recommendation I have for amendment is that the increased landing fee be a recommendation of that Citizens Committee, rather than a fee determined by the legislature. The reasoning behind this is the Committee knows more the issues arising from the traffic at the airport more than the legislators. (No offense intended.)

The subparagraph (h) 3(iii) could be reworded to give the Committee the authority to recommend/implement a proper landing fee based on their dealings with the grants and community involvement.

One of the issues that needs to be considered in the landing fee increase (doubling it as the current bill suggests) is that some of the airlines may decide to use other nearby airports to reduce the expense and BWI would then lose business possibly resulting in a slight economic downturn from the airport.

I urge the Senate members to move forward **favorably** on this bill and to consider the amendment I'm recommending.

Thank you.

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