



**FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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**HB 640 - City of Frederick - Assignment of Offenders to Road Work - Repeal**

**DATE:** February 28, 2023  
**COMMITTEE:** House Judiciary Committee  
**POSITION:** Favorable  
**FROM:** The Office of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

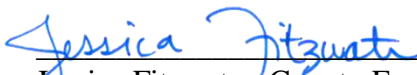
As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give HB 640 - City of Frederick - Assignment of Offenders to Road Work - Repeal a favorable report.

This bill will repeal a provision of law requiring a District Court judge to assign, if practicable, an offender to work the public roads of Frederick County or the City of Frederick as a penalty for a violation of a municipal law or ordinance of the City of Frederick.

Neither Frederick County nor the City of Frederick currently use this provision to assign offenders to work on public roads and the option to do so reflects an outdated ordinance with origins in the Jim Crow era. Passing legislation such as HB 640 helps us rid our county and state annotated codes from the systemic racism and classism woven into them.

My legislative team has consulted the County Public Works Division, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Frederick and concluded that the passage of this bill will not negatively impact any public services at the County or City level.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 640. I urge you to advance this bill with a favorable report.

  
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Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive  
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