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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the **Public Health and Environment Committee** is dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of Baltimore's residents by advancing policies that promote health equity, environmental justice, and sustainability. Recognizing the deep connection between public health and the environment, the committee works to reduce health disparities, improve access to essential services, and address climate-related challenges that impact communities.

**The Honorable Phylicia Porter
Chair**

PUBLIC HEARING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
10:00 AM**

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Legislative Oversight LO25-0017

Zero Waste

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Public Health and Environment

Legislative Oversight: LO25-0017

Zero Waste

Sponsor: Councilmember Porter

Introduced: March 24, 2025

Purpose:

For the purpose of assessing the City of Baltimore's progress toward achieving its Zero Waste goals, as outlined in the Baltimore Sustainability Plan, examining the effectiveness of current waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs; evaluating challenges in implementation and enforcement; and exploring opportunities for improvements and investment in sustainable waste management infrastructure.

Agency Reports

None.

Analysis

Background

This legislative oversight initiative seeks a comprehensive evaluation of Baltimore's efforts to achieve its Zero Waste objectives, aligned with the city's Sustainability Plan. By examining current waste management practices—including reduction, recycling, and composting—the

oversight will identify operational strengths and pinpoint significant implementation and enforcement barriers. Additionally, it facilitates targeted analyses of investment needs, enhancing future planning, and infrastructure development, ensuring accountability and transparency in meeting sustainability benchmarks.

Such oversight significantly benefits Baltimore by enabling informed policymaking and strategic allocation of resources, directly contributing to cleaner neighborhoods, reduced environmental pollution, and enhanced public health. It positions Baltimore to attract sustainable investments, stimulates local green job creation, and fosters community engagement through transparent reporting of progress and challenges. Ultimately, it helps position Baltimore as a leading example of urban sustainability.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None.

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