SB0398/767070/1

BY: Finance Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 398</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike "and Muse" and substitute "<u>, Muse</u>, <u>Middleton, Benson, Feldman, Hershey, Klausmeier, and Mathias</u>"; in line 4, after "Commission" insert "<u>, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration</u>,"; and in lines 5, 8, and 11, in each instance, strike "establishment of" and substitute "<u>advisability of establishing</u>".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 15, after "Commission" insert "<u>, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration</u>,"; in line 16, strike "establishment of" and substitute "<u>advisability of establishing</u>"; in the same line, strike "residential"; in line 19, after "output" insert "<u>of the</u>"; in line 21, after "costs" insert "<u>and benefits</u>"; and in line 23, strike "efforts" and substitute "<u>programs</u>".

On page 2, in line 2, strike "and" and substitute:

"(5) whether and how community solar projects or virtual net energy metering can help reduce the cost of compliance with the State's renewable energy portfolio standard;

(6) whether and how community solar projects or virtual net energy metering have a substantially different technical impact on the distribution system than traditional solar net energy metering;

(7) whether and how community solar projects or virtual net energy metering can expand access to ratepayers who want to invest in solar energy, particularly low-income ratepayers; and";

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in line 3, strike "(5)" and substitute "<u>(8)</u>"; and in line 4, strike "establishment of" and substitute "<u>determining the advisability of establishing</u>".

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