



House Health & Government Operations Committee

TESTIMONY

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HB 1539 – Grant Applications and Reporting – Uniform Forms and Requirements

Position: Support with Amendment

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges supports HB 1530 creating a Council to adopt uniform grant application, forms, financial controls and reporting requirements. We ask that the Committee add a member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission on the Council to represent the interests of the state's colleges and universities.

Maryland's postsecondary institutions receive a significant amount of state and federal grant funding, enabling our institutions to provide critical services to our constituents. Our grant processes and requirements often vary from that of other non-profit agencies. Technological infrastructure and approval processes may also be more complex. In order to represent the interests of our institutions on any newly established grant and reporting tools, protocols, and processes, we ask that a representative of the Maryland Higher Education Commission serve on the Council.