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Senate Bill 315

**Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund -
Establishment (Housing Innovation Pilot Program Act of 2023)**

Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee

Position: FAVORABLE

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 315 – Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund - Establishment (Housing Innovation Pilot Program Act of 2023).

This Bill would create a Housing Innovation Pilot Program to work with local housing authorities to increase the production of housing and to provide matching funds from the Housing Innovation Fund that the Bill establishes.

Senate Bill 315 will provide public housing authorities with much needed resources. In Anne Arundel County, it will create state loan opportunities for the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) and the Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County (HCAAC) to build new affordable housing by leveraging existing funds for state matching funds. Given the high demand for affordable housing in Anne Arundel County from both residents and employers, this program will be a valuable tool in assisting our housing authorities meet that demand.

For all of these reasons, Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 315.