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BILL NO.: SB 382

TITLE: Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force

SPONSOR: Senator Washington

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

DATE: March 28, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** Senate Bill 382 – Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force. This legislation would establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Task Force.

This legislation would establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force to study state and local government efforts to promote the creation of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use and review existing laws and policies associated with the development of accessory dwelling units throughout the state.

The development of ADUs is a topic worth exploring as local jurisdictions examine ways to create more housing options with shrinking land availability. This is a complex issue that intertwines discussions of how best to handle housing needs, zoning regulations and local planning strategies. Taking the time to study the matter is a thoughtful approach that will allow for the best possible outcomes for Maryland's local jurisdictions. Baltimore County just this month introduced reforms to its own ADU laws to ensure it meets the needs of residents.

Baltimore County supports the goals of the legislation, but believes that it could be improved by adjustments to the makeup of the proposed task force. While MACo is given one representative, this bill would be made stronger with County representatives in addition.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on SB 382. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.