

People on the Go of Maryland



House Bill 60

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

Establishing the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for certain mixed-income, cross-subsidized housing and to create opportunities to increase the volume of housing production; establishing the Housing Innovation Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to be used only to provide low- or no-interest loans to local housing authorities; etc.

Position: Support

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Sponsored by Delegate Stewart

Assigned to Environment and Transportation

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Honorable Chairperson and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

People on the Go of Maryland (People On the Go) is a statewide self-advocacy organization ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD). People on the Go want to voice our support for HB60. This bill establishes the Housing Innovation Pilot Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide funds for certain mixed-income, cross subsidized housing and to create opportunities to increase the volume of housing production. Maryland is currently in a housing crisis and People On the Go believes this bill will be beneficial to help people with disabilities and all Maryland residents to access affordable housing. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and we encourage a favorable report.

Best regards,

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