



House Bill 131 – Housing Development Permit Applications – Local Reporting Requirements

Position: Support

Maryland currently faces a shortage of nearly 150,000 housing units and growing. If we are to close that gap, we need good sources of data on our state's housing production. For this reason, Maryland REALTORS® urges strong support for HB 131.

This bill requires larger jurisdictions to report their annual totals of development applications, permits issued and processing times, among other metrics. In addition to sending this information to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning, this information will be made available to the public.

While limiting this more robust reporting requirement to larger jurisdictions which have the resources to comply with the requirements, in the future the General Assembly may also want to consider publishing development reports from smaller jurisdictions which are already submitted to the state on an annual basis. Doing so will provide a more complete picture of housing production in the state.

Maryland's housing shortage is a direct result of local governments not producing the units needed to serve their residents. HB 131 is a necessary measure to hold them accountable for reducing our unmet housing needs and addressing our housing crisis.

Maryland REALTORS® asks for your support for HB 131.

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