

FAVORABLE - HB225
Smart Growth Subcabinet - Membership and Duties

Maryland Department of Emergency Management
Environment and Transportation
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Chairman Marc Korman
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The Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) writes **in support of HB225 - Smart Growth Cabinet - Membership and Duties**. The bill adds the Department of Emergency Management to the Smart Growth Subcabinet and expands the duties of the Subcabinet to include inclusion of equity and resiliency to their current areas of focus.

The Department of Emergency Management's vision is *to shape a resilient Maryland where communities thrive*. Our mission is to proactively reduce disaster risks and reliably manage consequences through collaborative work with Maryland's communities and partners. We believe our addition to the Smart Growth Subcabinet is forward thinking and provides a critical collaborative environment for State agencies to build resilience as we grow Maryland. This effort will dovetail well with MDEM's Office of Resilience, a new Office established by the General Assembly standing up this year.

In conclusion, MDEM urges a favorable report of HB 225 - Smart Growth Cabinet - Membership and Duties.

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