

Testimony in support of SB0085 - Department of Inf

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Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund – Uses

TO: Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the Budget & Taxation Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of SB#/0085, Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund – Uses

This bill will recognize the rapid pace of technology requires a prompt and directed response through authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State-owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain information technology agreements; etc.

There are at least 10 good reasons to have this flexibility in the state’s response to that technical environment.

Navigating the rapid currents of the contemporary digital landscape requires businesses to adopt up-to-date technology, transforming it from a luxury into a necessity for those pursuing success. The relentless evolution of technology has a profound impact on the way we conduct business, and failing to keep up can lead to missed opportunities and decreased competitiveness.¹

To effectively support Maryland government functions and provide superior service to both employees and the public they serve this bill facilitates those processes.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on SB#/0085.

¹ <https://www.entremt.com/tech-evolution-why-staying-up-to-date-is-crucial-for-business-success/>

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TO: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
FROM: Department of Information Technology
RE: Senate Bill 85 - Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund - Uses
DATE: January 21, 2026
POSITION: Support

The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Guzzone,

I am writing in strong support of SB 85 - Department of Information Technology - Information Technology Investment Fund -Uses, the Department of Information Technology's departmental bill before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

SB 85 is a targeted, commonsense update to current law that reflects how the State's technology and communications infrastructure has evolved. While existing statutes appropriately supported legacy systems such as the State communications network and the Maryland FiRST radio system, today's environment requires greater flexibility to manage and reinvest in modern, statewide infrastructure that supports cloud connectivity, data centers, and shared enterprise services.

This legislation allows existing revenues generated through Resource Sharing Agreements to be reinvested more effectively into state owned communication sites, facilities, and telecommunications equipment tied to information technology agreements. Importantly, SB 85 does not create new fees, impose new costs on agencies or local governments, or require additional appropriations. Instead, it enables DoIT to make better use of existing resources to maintain assets, plan for lifecycle upgrades, and strengthen the reliability and resilience of Maryland's statewide IT and public safety communications infrastructure.

By modernizing Section 3.5-309 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, SB 85 ensures that our statutory framework aligns with current operational realities and supports smarter, more strategic infrastructure investments across the State.



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For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 85. Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership on technology and infrastructure issues impacting Maryland.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Best,

Katie Savage
Secretary
Department of Information Technology