



MARYLAND
Association of
COUNTIES

House Bill 987

Environment - Recycling - Hotels

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Economic Matters and
Environment and Transportation Committees

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 987. The bill would mandate that hotels provide recycling services for both guests and staff, while allowing counties to mandate reporting.

HB 987 would allow counties to count the recycled and reported material toward achieving their State mandated recycling goals. Some counties struggle to reach their recycling goals, and the addition of hotel reporting would help them accurately account for hotel recycling. The bill would also allow county agencies to inspect hotels to ensure proper recycling and reporting.

HB 987 explicitly allows counties the ability to impose requirements stricter than those contained within the language of the bill. The bill as a whole allows counties flexibility to enforce recycling requirements placed on hotels. Accordingly, MACo asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 987.