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FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

S.B. 419- LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT- GRANT PROGRAM FOR WORKFORCE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

POSITION: SUPPORT

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) supports S.B. 419 which is before you today for consideration. The bill establishes a grant program for Workforce Skills Assessment within the Maryland Department of Labor. The program will provide financial assistance to an employer for the administration of assessments that measure workplace or job-related skills of employees who are State residents.

This service will be quite beneficial to businesses who are attempting to evaluate skill levels in the construction trades.

On behalf of the over 1,500 business members, ABC recommends a favorable report on S.B. 419.

Robert Zinsmeister, Director Government Affairs

