



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
CHARLES COUNTY DELEGATION

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SPONSOR Testimony on

House Bill 345 – Charles County – Tax Increment Financing and Special Taxing Districts

Dear Madam Chair Anne Kaiser, Vice-Chair Alonzo Washington and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

House Bill 345 is a delegation bill that seeks to give Charles County the authority to offer:

- tax increment financing (TIF) and special taxing districts for convention, conference and visitors' centers and related specific purposes that includes maintaining infrastructure improvement; and,
- establish a special taxing district, impose ad valorem taxes or special taxes and issue bonds for the above purposes.

Further, the use of TIF and special taxing will enhance the county's financing of infrastructure projects and redevelopment plans. Small businesses will benefit from additional spending by the county on infrastructure and construction authorized under the bill.

House Bill 345 has been vetted at the county's public hearing and received a unanimous vote from the county commissioners and members of the Charles County Delegation.

I am requesting a favorable report.