



HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
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House Bill 1341 – Academic Facilities Bonding Authority
Urging a Favorable Report

Chair McIntosh, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1341.

House Bill 1341 is a departmental bill that authorizes the use of \$30 million in academic facilities bonds for the purpose of financing construction, renovation, and renewal projects at University System of Maryland (USM) buildings and campuses. Similar legislation has been approved each year for the past 2 decades.

Specifically, the bill authorizes \$5 million in academic facilities bonds for the following project:

- University of Maryland, College Park Campus (Prince George’s County): Infrastructure Project

Additionally, \$25 million is included for facilities renewal on buildings across the system.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments and we ask for a favorable report on House Bill 1341.



About the University System of Maryland

The University System of Maryland (USM)—one system made up of 12 institutions, three regional centers, and a central office—awards 8 out of every 10 bachelor’s degrees in the State of Maryland. The USM is governed by a Board of Regents, comprised of 21 members from diverse professional and personal backgrounds. The chancellor, Dr. Jay Perman, oversees and manages

the operations of USM. However, each constituent institution is run by its own president who has authority over that university. Each of USM's 12 institutions has a distinct and unique approach to the mission of educating students and promoting the economic, intellectual, and cultural growth of its surrounding community. These institutions are located throughout the state, from western Maryland to the Eastern Shore, with the flagship campus in the Washington suburbs. The USM includes Historically Black Colleges and Universities, comprehensive institutions, research universities, and the country's largest public online institution.