



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill: HB 113 - Board of Revenue Estimates and Bureau of Revenue Estimates - Organization and Operations

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 113 which increases staffing capabilities within the Bureau of Revenue Estimates (BRE) and establishes a new website to be used for dissemination of data and analysis.

Municipalities in Maryland rely on the BRE for forecasting throughout the year, but particularly when it is time for the creation and adoption of municipal budgets. The added staffing resources in this bill will allow the BRE to increase the scope of their research to further assist municipalities with their policy and budget making.

The bill also creates a new website that will serve as a platform for data and analysis from BRE allowing for better dissemination of information. In particular, more robust reporting on the viability of the Transportation Trust Fund and transactions concerning Program Open Space will prove beneficial as these are critical funding sources for municipal projects.

For these reasons we therefore respectfully request that the committee provide a favorable report on HB 113.

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