



## **TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE**

### **HB 1450 Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Implementation Plans and Fund - Alterations**

**POSITION: Support**

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The League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) supported HB 1300/SB 1000 Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Implementation and advocated vigorously for the override of the Governor's veto of this very important legislation. We also supported SB 965, Blueprint for Maryland's Future – Revisions, with amendments in 2021.

The proposed legislation adjusts the Blueprint's implementation plan to better align with the formation of the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB); extends the dates for when the AIB must adopt a Comprehensive Implementation Plan (CIP) for the Blueprint and extends the dates for when the plans should be approved; and dedicates a certain percentage of sales and use tax revenues to the Blueprint's funding.

LWVMD regrets the delays in implementation caused by the veto of the original Blueprint bill and delays in appointing and funding the AIB. However, our support for adequate and equitable funding of public education leads us to support SB 1450, thus insuring faithful implementation of the Blueprint.

The League urges the committee to give a favorable report to HB 1450.