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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senate Bill 93 – Tax Credits – Employment of Individuals with Disabilities

Budget and Taxation Committee

January 18, 2022

SUPPORT

Background: Senate Bill 93 (SB93) would increase the tax credit amount from a maximum of \$9,000 dollars a year to \$15,00 dollars a year for employers for each employee they hire with qualified disabilities for the first two years of their employment. It would also allow as a tax credit for each taxable year, for child care provided or paid for by a business for the children of a qualified employee with a disability, or transportation expenses that are incurred by a business entity to enable a qualified employee with a disability to travel to and from work, an increase from \$900 dollars to \$1,500 dollars a year of the qualified child care or transportation expenses incurred for each qualified employee with a disability during each of the first 2 years of employment.

Written Comments: The Baltimore Jewish Council represents the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and all of its agencies, including Jewish Community Services (JCS). JCS provides services to individuals with disabilities, including career readiness and training. JCS also works with local businesses to match their clients to jobs. BJC supports SB93 because of the job opportunity itself for those with disabilities, the equity it creates for increased openings for individuals with disabilities and the advantages for the other employees who will be working with individuals with disabilities to learn tolerance, patience, and acceptance.

With this in mind, the Baltimore Jewish Council urges a favorable report of SB93.

The Baltimore Jewish Council, a coalition of central Maryland Jewish organizations and congregations, advocates at all levels of government, on a variety of social welfare, economic and religious concerns, to protect and promote the interests of The Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, its agencies and the Greater Baltimore Jewish community.