



BILL: SB0158

BILL TITLE: State Board of Elections - Contracts and Invoices - Requirements

BILL SPONSOR: Senator Kagan

COMMITTEE: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

POSITION: FAVORABLE

HEARING DATE: 1/26/22

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB0158

Represent Maryland is a grassroots, all volunteer group of voters who believe in democracy and oppose corruption. We believe that a key tenet of a democracy is transparency. In the words of former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants". In short, robust transparency mitigates corruption.

We believe that all state agencies having a well understood process for contracting and invoicing is essential for transparent and efficient governing. Legislation that improves accountability is more important than ever. Thus, we urge a favorable report for SB0158 as it will strengthen and clarify the contracting process for the State Board of Elections, enhancing efficiency and reducing cost.

Sincerely,
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Maryland Voter-LD07

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