

HB1061
FAVORABLE

The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Environmental and Transportation Committee
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

As introduced, HB1061 would authorize a county or municipality to establish a fund for the purpose of providing support for the repair of infrastructure in a community subject to a condominium association or homeowners association (HOAs) ; requiring that certain property tax revenues be assigned to a fund created under HB1061 in a certain manner; and generally relating to public funding for the repair or rehabilitation of infrastructure.

While this state enabling legislation would not require a county or municipality to set up a fund, it would provide flexibility not currently available.

Howard County for the most part had residential units built in the last 50 years. Many of these units have infrastructure that has deteriorated and is not maintained by county government. In many cases, infrastructure maintenance was left to the HOAs. Fifty years later, HOAs do not have the financial resources to replace major infrastructure. A major result is a decline in property values for both the HOA and Howard County.

We ask that your committee report out this bill favorably.

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