

Environmental: Office of Climate Change

Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Legislation: HB1263 Establishing the Office on Climate Change in the Office of the Governor to coordinate with the Commission on Climate Change to ensure certain recommendations are implemented, ensure that each State agency addresses ways the agency can mitigate the causes of climate change and certain impacts of climate change, initiate and oversee certain climate change research and investigations, and work with local governments on the development and implementation of local climate change plans.

Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

Position: Favorable

Hearing: March 9, 2022

Cedar Lane's Environmental Justice Ministry strongly supports HB 1263 creating an Office of Climate Change under the Governor which will ensure mitigation and implementation throughout the state of certain climate change research. This is a much needed Office to keep Maryland on target for the development and implementation of local climate change plans. This is essential as the state moves forward with climate emergencies throughout the state.

Please vote favorably for this bill, HB 1263.

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