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Testimony in Support of HB 248
Baltimore County
Class B-ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Services) License
Towson University

Testimony of Delegate Cathi Forbes
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Economic Matters Committee

What this bill does

This bill would allow the Baltimore County Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue a Class B-ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Services) License to Towson University.

Background on the Class B-ECF/DS License

The class B-ECF/DS License was created by [SB1144](#) in the 2018 legislative session for the benefit of University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). SB1144 was drafted based upon similar legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly that was specific to Prince George's County for the benefit of University of Maryland College Park.

This new class of license allows the UMBC campus dining contractor to sell and serve beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption on campus at university-related events catered by the dining contractor. Towson University would like to be issued a Class B-ECF/DS license.

Who benefits from this bill

Currently each time alcohol is served by the Towson University dining services contractor the University obtains a [One Day License](#) from the Baltimore County Liquor Board. This bill would eliminate the need for the One Day License application process from Towson University and eliminate the processing of those applications by Baltimore County. Instead, this legislation would allow Towson University to buy an annual license at the cost of \$2,000.

HB248 requires all profits from the sale of beer, liquor and wine be deposited in the auxiliary services account at Towson University. The auxiliary services account supports campus services such as vending machines, laundry facilities, printing and banking services, and the University Store.

Why you should vote for this bill

This is a process bill. There will be no increases in the frequency of sales or service of alcohol, or the location of sales or service of alcohol, on the Towson University campus. Allowing Towson University to obtain this license will reduce administrative work for the University and for County government. These types of licenses have been issued for UMBC and UMD-College Park without incident.

I ask for a favorable report.

Thank you.