



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: SB 513 – Environment – Collection and Reporting of Drinking Water and Wastewater Data and Information – Requirements

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes SB 513, requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to create, operate, and maintain a statewide Open Water Data Reporting Platform to make drinking water and wastewater service information publicly available.

This is a laudable goal, but this measure requires every Maryland water utility to provide MDE with extensive detailed data and information; in fact, the list of requirements in this legislation is over 5 pages long. MML's membership includes over 70 municipal water providers and over 60 municipal sewer providers, all with different financial resources and staffing levels. Our municipal water utilities simply do not have the capacity to comply with the onerous requirements proposed in this legislation.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide SB 513 with an unfavorable report.

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