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BILL NO.: **SB 672**

TITLE: Alcoholic Beverages - Use of Alcoholic Beverages for Educational Purposes

SPONSOR: Senator Klausmeier

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 24, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 672 - Use of Alcoholic Beverages for Educational Purposes. This legislation would authorize certain educational curricula relating to enology, fermentation, brewing, or hospitality and tourism.

Baltimore County cherishes the farm breweries and distillers which fuel its agritourism industry. Agritourism provides rural landmarks new strategies for driving traffic to their location and exciting opportunities for students who wish to enter the hospitality sector. As tourism continues to trend towards locally-sourced alcoholic beverages, enabling universities to provide a comprehensive education will benefit the student and the tourism industry as a whole.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 672. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.