

Date: March 8, 2024 Committee: Energy, Education, Environment Bill Title: SB 296 State Board of Professional Land Surveyors – Sunset Extension Re: **Favorable** 

SB 296 will extend the statutory authorization of the State Board of Professional Land Surveyors, which is set to expire on July 1, 2024, for an additional ten years.

The Board for Professional Land Surveyors qualifies and licenses individuals seeking licensure and issues permits to business entities through which land surveying is practiced. The Board investigates complaints against licensees, as well as complaints related to unlicensed practice in the state. The Board may issue a reprimand, suspend or revoke a license, or permit, and/or impose a fine for violation of the regulations. Professional Land Surveyors represent an integral aspect of the design and construction industry. Maryland Professional licensees abide by a code of ethics to preserve the safety, well-being, and property of all citizens.

## The Department respectfully requests a favorable report by the committee on SB 296.