



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

April 2, 2024

Committee: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: HB 1512 – Bay Restoration Fund - Use of Funds - Municipal Wastewater Facilities - Sunset Repeal

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 1512.

Under current law, the Bay Restoration Fund (BRF) can be used to connect on-site sewage disposal systems to municipal wastewater facilities. Connecting on-site sewage disposal systems to public water systems offers sanitation, environmental protection, resource management, compliance, and public health advantages. However, connection can be expensive, often requiring new infrastructure, connection fees, labor and installation costs, etc. The BRF has made connection more accessible for Marylanders, but it will sunset in June 2024. HB 1512 would remove the sunset, allowing BRF use for on-site connections to continue.

For these reasons, MML respectfully requests that this committee provide House Bill 1512 with a favorable report.

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