

BILL: **Senate Bill 309**
Smart Growth Subcabinet - Membership and Duties

COMMITTEES: Senate Education, Energy, & Environment Committee

DATE: February 1, 2024

POSITION: Support

Upon review of Senate Bill 309 - Smart Growth Subcabinet - Membership and Duties, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments for your consideration.

Senate Bill 309 will remove the Subcabinet Special Secretary and now include the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to the Smart Growth Subcabinet. The bill will also designate the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning as Chair and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development as Vice Chair. In addition, the bill will add new language as it relates to the issues and activities of the Subcabinet, specifically including equity and resiliency into the important discussions and work charged of the Subcabinet.

Senate Bill 309 will streamline the efficiency of the Smart Growth Subcabinet and DGS supports passage of this bill and encourages a favorable report.

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