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## **HB 470 - County Income Tax - Rate and Income Brackets - Alterations**

**Ways and Means Committee  
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### **FAVORABLE**

AFSCME Council 3 supports HB 470. This legislation counties to alter the maximum tax rate on an individual's Maryland taxable income to support funding for public education and transportation services. Under the bill, a county may set an income tax rate that is greater than 3.2% for individuals who earn more than \$250,000 and \$300,000 for joint filers.

HB 470 provides a crucial revenue source to help provide funding for public education and transportation services that are currently being cut. In recent weeks, hundreds of position cuts have been announced in the school systems for Howard and Baltimore counties. Announced cuts to the transportation budget will also have a significant impact on counties. Pursuing cuts to address budget deficits is a false choice. We should be looking at revenues increases and HB 470 provides a fair and equitable way to do this.

We urge the committee to provide a favorable report on HB 470.