

House Bill 340 – Oppose

**House Committee on Health and Government Operations
“Climate Change - Attorney General Actions, Climate Change Restitution Fund, and Climate
Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council”**

Please return an **UNFAVORABLE** report for HB0340.

There are a couple objections to this Bill.

First, how does a business know a law is broken? Are standards published that businesses can monitor for compliance? Legal uncertainty and the threat of lawsuits could discourage economic investment in Maryland, negatively impacting job opportunities and business growth.

Second, there is nothing in this Bill that requires a high level of confidence before pursuing an alleged violation. Taxpayer funds need to be allocated towards those areas that maximize peace and safety.

Lastly, there's no objective standards on how funds would be distributed. It's up to the subjective opinions of a panel rather than providing direct benefits to Maryland residents.

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Thank you for your consideration,



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