



## House Bill 1510

**Position: Favorable**

Committee: Economic Matters

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners, and we work to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

House Bill 1510 (HB 1510) strengthens Maryland's unemployment insurance system by enhancing fraud prevention and detection tools, improving identity verification processes, and providing the State with additional mechanisms to recover improperly paid benefits.

HB 1510 takes important steps to protect the integrity and long-term stability of the unemployment insurance system. Ensuring that benefits are delivered only to eligible recipients is critical to maintaining a program that works effectively for both workers and the employers who fund it.

Fraud within the unemployment insurance system can place unnecessary strain on the trust fund and ultimately increase costs for employers through higher payroll taxes. By modernizing verification processes and strengthening enforcement tools, this legislation will help prevent improper payments, improve accountability, and safeguard the resources intended to support individuals who are legitimately unemployed.

For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests a **favorable report on HB 1510**.