

Dear Committee,

Please vote no for SB31/HB337.

1) State rated capacity differs from local capacity and this should be considered instead. In Howard County, using the state rated capacity for our schools would in most cases **result in dozens of more students (in some cases 100+) placed into schools that aren't able to handle them.**

2) This bill is redundant. The Office of School Planning already has all this information. Doing the same work twice is a poor way to spend taxpayer money

3) APFO are locally strong regulations and should stay that way. Development plans are a continuous back and forth between the developer, the county's Department of Planning and Zoning, and local zoning laws and needs. In Howard County especially, we just reviewed our APFO and it should be up to the local County Council to develop laws based on local citizen feedback, not the State.

Thank you,

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