



**HoCoClimateAction.org**  
Howard County, Maryland

**Testimony: SB0596 – Large Load Customers - Electric System interconnection and Interconnection and Demand Response Program**  
**Hearing Date: February 26, 2026**  
**Bill Sponsor: Senator Hester**  
**Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment**  
**Submitting: Shari Glenn for Howard County Climate Action**  
**Position: Favorable**

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Committee Members,

[HoCo Climate Action](#) is a [350.org](#) local chapter and a grassroots organization representing approximately 1,400 subscribers. We are also a member of the [Climate Justice Wing](#) of the [Maryland Legislative Coalition](#). Our organization works with residents and ally organizations to promote a safe climate and clean energy future. Specifically, we have worked extensively on clean energy and on building electrification to help Maryland achieve its ambitious climate goals, including net-zero emissions.

We urge you to vote favorably on **SB0596 – Large Load Customers - Electric System interconnection and Interconnection and Demand Response Program**, which would exempt certain large load customers from requirements to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a certain process for large load customers to interconnect to the electric system; establishing requirements for a large load customer to interconnect to the electric system and contract for service; authorizing certain large load customers to receive certain prioritization; etc..

For these reasons, we **support SB0596** and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report.

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