



The Maryland Department of the Environment
Secretary Serena McIlwain

House Bill 663 - Department of the Environment - Federal Policy on Greenhouse Gas Emissions - Reporting

Position: Support
Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment
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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) **SUPPORTS** HB 663.

Bill Summary

House Bill 663 would require MDE to submit a report on federal environmental policy to the General Assembly every six months, starting by July 1, 2026. The report would be required to detail any changes in federal environmental policy that have been deemed legally valid by a final decision of a federal court, impacts to the Department's delegated authorities, as well as actions the State is taking in response to those changes.

Position Rationale

MDE supports the reporting requirements in HB 663. These mandates would help the legislature and the public track how changes in federal policies impact the state. Furthermore, MDE remains committed to efforts that protect public health, including clean air and clean water initiatives.

Accordingly, MDE asks for an **FAVORABLE** report for **HB 663**.