



Maryland

Energy Administration

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Environment & Transportation Committee

FROM: MEA

SUBJECT: HB 1225 - Weights and Measures - Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment - Registration Fees

DATE: March 4, 2026

MEA Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments for House Bill 1225.

HB 1225 establishes important consumer protections for electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment used in the retail sale of electricity as a motor fuel. As Maryland advances transportation electrification to meet our climate and clean energy goals, a predictable and transparent regulatory environment is essential. Supporting the responsible deployment of EV charging infrastructure is directly aligned with Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction requirements and broader clean energy goals.

The bill requires that funding for the purchase of equipment necessary to inspect weights and measures used for the retail sale of electricity as a motor fuel be provided from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF). Ensuring that the Department of Agriculture has the appropriate equipment to inspect EV charging devices supports consumer confidence, accurate billing, and market integrity.

MEA has already committed to supporting the purchase of specialized equipment and ongoing support of the program within the Department of Agriculture through a memorandum of understanding, making the portion of the bill unnecessary. MEA would therefore recommend an amendment to remove the mandated use of SEIF resources from the bill. It is also MEA's understanding that there are productive and ongoing conversations with the bill sponsor that could result in further amendments to the bill. MEA is supportive of the amendments sought by the Department of Agriculture and is pleased to continue in these conversations.

MEA urges the committee to adopt the proposed amendments and to issue a **favorable report as amended**.

Our sincere thanks for your consideration of this testimony. For questions or additional information, please contact Megan Outten, Policy manager, at megan.outten@maryland.gov or 443.842.1780.