



**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: Environment and Transportation
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The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) **SUPPORTS** HB 663.

Bill Summary

House Bill 663 would require MDE submit a greenhouse gas emissions report to the General Assembly every six months, starting by July 1, 2026. The report would be required to detail any changes in federal policy on greenhouse gas emissions that have been deemed legally valid by a final decision of a federal court, as well as actions the State is taking in response to those changes. The report would need to consider emissions from new motor vehicles, engines, and stationary sources.

Position Rationale

MDE supports the reporting requirements in HB 663. These mandates would help the legislature and the public track how changes in federal greenhouse gas policies impact the state. Furthermore, MDE remains committed to efforts that protect public health, including clean transportation initiatives that address the bills's targeted technologies, such as motor vehicles, engines, and stationary sources.

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