

HB331 “Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program”
February 11, 2026
Environment and Transportation
FAVORABLE

Dear Chair and Committee members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

Please vote FAVORABLY on the proposed Maryland Bottle Bill.

I know that this effort has been in the works for a long time, and I know that it has been consistently effective in Oregon and other states for a very long time.

I am a ‘detail’ person and am acutely aware of the increasing amount of trash left to make its way into Chesapeake Bay. In fact, I spent my birthday picking up trash, including bottles, along a nearby ramp of I-695.

Growing up in the ‘60’s and ‘70’s, a huge public campaign to combat trash was very, very successful. Here you could make a real difference to the Maryland landscape and health of our communities as leftover bottles could be recycled and kept out of landfills. Most people need some type of enticement so this bill would help.

I have heard that Baltimore County, where I live, has been resistant to this idea, which is a real shame.

Thank you for a FAVORABLE vote on the Maryland Bottle Bill.

Sincerely,
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