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HB 695

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SPONSOR: Delegate Andre Johnson

ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation Committee

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POSITION: Support (Department of Environmental Protection)

Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits (GREEN) Loan Program and Fund – Establishment

This bill would establish a Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Program to be administered by the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC).

This program would provide loans to help nonprofit organizations install renewable energy systems such as rooftop solar projects and to make energy efficiency improvements to their properties. As utility bills for Maryland customers continue to rise, reducing energy consumption through on-site renewable generation and energy efficiency can provide immediate rate relief to organizations across the state.

The bill would complement the existing Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program, which is currently administered by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), through which nonprofit organizations can obtain loans to improve the energy efficiency of their facilities. This new offering would enable these organizations to undertake more comprehensive and cost-effective energy improvements.

We respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee issue a favorable report on House Bill 695.