



POSITION STATEMENT

Bill: HB 1411 Data Centers and Transparency Act

Position: Support with Amendments

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Dear Chair Marc Korman,

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC or “the Commission”) has voted to support this bill with amendments.

What this Bill Does. This bill requires an owner or operator of a certain large-scale data center to submit a certain disclosure report to certain State and local agencies and elected officials under certain circumstances and specifying the contents of the disclosure report. This bill also requires the Department of the Environment to publish the disclosure report on its website within a certain period of time.

Implementation of Data Center Plans. This bill seeks to require on or before a certain date, each local jurisdiction with 10,000 or more residents to develop and adopt by local law a large-scale data center plan in a certain manner. It further requires local jurisdictions of the Commission’s size to prepare a “Data Center Plan.” The Commission already contemplates many of the elements the bill suggests should be part of the plan, and our counties are currently pursuing changes to county code and zoning to address these elements.

Suggested Amendments

On page 4, lines 26-27, add “and the timing of these improvements”:

- (8) ANY ANTICIPATED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POWER INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING TRANSMISSION LINES AND SUBSTATIONS, **AND THE TIMING OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS;**

On page 5, lines 1-2, add “type”:

- (9) THE NUMBER, SIZE, **TYPE,** FUEL SOURCE, AND PROJECTED EMISSIONS OF ANY BACKUP GENERATORS FOR THE FACILITY;

On page 5, lines 18-20, add “or has secured”:

- (15) ANY STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL GRANT, LOAN, OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR INCENTIVE, INCLUDING A TAX INCENTIVE, THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE FACILITY INTENDS TO APPLY FOR **OR HAS SECURED.**

On page 8, at line 16, add a new subsection C and adjust the subsequent subsection lettering accordingly:

- (C) ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION THAT CAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2027, LOCAL ZONING OR OTHER REGULATIONS THAT SUBSTANTIALLY ADDRESS THE ELEMENTS OF AN OTHERWISE REQUIRED LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTER PLAN IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**