

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1367 - Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland

Hearing Date: March 25, 2026

Position: Favorable

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) supports *House Bill 1367 - Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland*. The bill would create a commission to study different focus areas to improve the health care system within Maryland.

We, in Maryland, are fortunate to have legislative leaders who value and promote comprehensive health care for their residents and constituents. We also recognize that there is room for improvement, especially within the context of recent changes at the federal level. This bill takes tremendous strides toward creating a health care system that works for all Marylanders by galvanizing a commission of a wide range of stakeholders in the state. We are excited that this bill promotes and acknowledges the need to study health needs across a diverse group of topics with the goal of providing Marylanders with comprehensive, affordable, and patient centric care.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland is thrilled that the state has an opportunity to study health care services throughout the state – including the “how to delineate covered health care services, such as basic, preventive, acute illness, chronic illness, and elective[.]” Many believe Planned Parenthood of Maryland to only provide crisis or emergency care – but this is wholly untrue. While we are passionate about being able to reach patients in moments of need with comprehensive, nonjudgemental, and compassionate care, we also serve thousands in preventative services such as birth control provision, cancer exams, and STI testing. As such, PPM feels as if our experience as front line health care workers for almost 100 years in Maryland will make us a strong member of the commission.

We ask for a favorable report to establish a health care system that works for ***all Marylanders***. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Vice President of Public Affairs, Erin Bradley, at erin.bradley@ppm.care.