

Testimony For HB1449

Honorable Delegates

Please enter a favorable report for HB1449.

I support

- Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General;
- establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General Advisory Board to appoint and provide oversight for the Inspector General of the State;
- providing for the qualifications, salary, and term of office of the Inspector General;
- providing for the employment of certain staff by the Inspector General;
- establishing provisions related to the powers and duties of the
 - Inspector General,
 - Chief Deputy Inspector General, and
 - Office.

We have already heard about the fraud in Minnesota and that Maryland has the second highest error rate in the country with its SNAP program. We need more accounting and auditing professionals in place to establish better controls over eligibility for our programs and to review spending to make sure the right person is receiving the right amount at the right time.

With reports in the press and on television that no one in the state government can report how much money various non-profits are receiving, how well, if at all, these organizations met the state goals, and more importantly, whether these organizations were doing the necessary paperwork to continue as an authorized non-profit per federal standards, the need for establishing a Maryland Office of the Inspector General could not be greater.

So please enter a favorable report for HB1449.

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