



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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POSITION STATEMENT

HB270/SB116 Data Center Impact Analysis and Report
Del. Crosby/Sen. Lewis Young

POSITION:

SUPPORT

Counties across Maryland are seeing an increasing interest in data center development, bringing both opportunities and challenges. HB/SB 116 270 aims to provide counties with a clearer understanding of how these facilities impact local economies, energy consumption, and the environment. By requiring a comprehensive study conducted by the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, this bill ensures that counties have access to critical data before making long-term policy and zoning decisions.

Supporting HB 270 will give us the information we need to maximize the economic benefits of data centers—such as job creation and increased tax revenue—while addressing concerns like energy demand, environmental sustainability, and infrastructure strain. With data-driven insights, we can develop strategies that attract responsible investment while protecting community interests. This legislation empowers the state to make informed decisions on economic development and environmental stewardship.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 270/SB 116** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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