



House Bill 937

Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness - Established

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**
WITH AMENDMENTS

To: Environment and Transportation
Committee

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS HB 937 WITH AMENDMENTS.**

HB 937 establishes a Workgroup to Study Youth Camp and RV Park Emergency Preparedness. The workgroup must review emergency preparedness policies, inventory youth camps and RV parks by county, examine legislation in other states, and develop recommendations regarding potential statewide standards.

Counties play a central role in emergency preparedness and response. County emergency managers coordinate evacuations, severe weather response, shelter operations, and interagency communication. Youth camps and RV parks often house vulnerable populations or seasonal residents who may require targeted emergency planning, especially during severe weather events or other emergencies.

MACo strongly supports the bill's goal of strengthening preparedness planning and evaluating best practices. However, the current membership list does not include representation from county emergency management. Given that counties are responsible for on-the-ground emergency coordination, a county emergency manager should serve on the workgroup to provide operational expertise and ensure that recommendations reflect real-world response conditions.

MACo respectfully requests an amendment to include a county emergency manager appointed by MACo as a member of the workgroup. Direct county representation will ensure the workgroup's findings reflect operational realities and bolster any recommendations that may guide future legislation.

Accordingly, MACo urges the Committee to issue a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on HB 937.