

HB 151/SB 101 – Maryland Consolidated Capital Loan of 2019

R100 Community College Facilities Grant Program – Capital Maryland Higher Education Commission

**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

**STATEMENT ON GARRETT COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

House Appropriations Committee  
Capital Budget Subcommittee  
March 7, 2019

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Capital Budget Subcommittee  
March 12, 2019

The Department of Budget and Management opposes recommendation #4: Reduce the Preauthorization for the Garrett College Community Education and Performing Arts Center miscellaneous project.

The Department of Legislative Services recommends reducing the fiscal year 2021 pre-authorization for the Garrett College Community Education and Performing Arts Center from \$5,500,000 to \$1,550,000 to limit the state share of the project to 50 percent.

The Administration deliberately removed this project from the Community College Facilities Grant program under the Maryland Higher Education Commission and proposed it as a miscellaneous capital grant in order to enable a larger state share than that permitted under the program's requirements.

Although this facility is part of Garrett College, it also supports a much broader cultural and economic mission in the community. The building will provide a venue for music, theater, trainings, conferences, and community events that is currently lacking in Garrett County. Many jurisdictions have received state support for their performing arts centers. Garrett County should not be penalized because its performing arts center happens to be part of the community college.

Without this enhanced state funding, this project will not move forward.

The Department of Budget and Management requests the Committees to reject the DLS recommendation and retain the preauthorization at the level of \$5,500,000 in the budget as proposed.

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