



TO: COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: KAREN TURCAN ON BEHALF OF SHERI V.G. FANAROFF
RE: 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – MEMO 5
DATE: MARCH 5, 2020

This is the fifth memo to the Board regarding the 2020 General Assembly session, summarizing proposed legislation that may be of interest to or impact CA and providing the dates set for hearings on those bills.

A. PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 1056 - Real Property - Deletion of Unlawful Ownership Restrictions - Exemption From Fees and Surcharges

This bill is the parallel to HB 1077, described in Sheri's February 20, 2020 memo to the Board regarding this legislative session.

HB 1628 - Sales and Use Tax - Rate Reduction and Services

This bill would have altered the definitions of "taxable price" and "taxable service" for the purposes of certain provisions of the law governing the sales and use tax. It would have imposed the tax on certain labor and services, which would have resulted in Maryland's sales tax expanding to cover virtually all services that CA provides. This would have increased the tax burden on Columbia residents and CA. We sent a letter expressing our concerns with the bill and opposing it. The bill was also opposed by organizations such as the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association (IHRSA), the Chesapeake Region Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI), and the Howard County Chamber of Commerce. There was a large turnout in opposition to this bill, which led the House Ways and Means Committee to vote against it. As a result, it will not proceed for any further consideration this session.

B. STATUS UPDATES

Ho. Co. 28-20 – Howard County Butterfly Building Design

This bond initiative, described in Sheri's January 3, 2020 memo, was passed by the Howard County Delegation on February 12th. As a result, it will move forward to the General Assembly for further consideration.

HB 218 - Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Annual Meetings

This bill, described in Sheri's February 7, 2020 memo, received an unfavorable committee report. As a result, it was withdrawn and will not proceed for any further consideration.

C. HEARING DATES

Hearing Date – Time	Bill Number	Title	Cross-filed Bill
2/5 – 8:30 a.m.	Ho. Co. 28-20	Howard County Butterfly Building Design	---
1/15 – 9:00 a.m.	Ho. Co. 35-20	Howard County Long Reach Head Start Center	---
2/13 – 7:30 p.m.	Ho. Co. 40-20	Howard County Long Reach Village Center Revitalization	---
2/5 – 8:30 a.m.	Ho. Co. 11-20	Howard County – Moderate Income Housing Unit Requirements – Prohibition Against Fee-in-Lieu	---
2/5 – 8:30 a.m.	Ho. Co. 15-20	Howard County – Ethics – Limit on Developer Contributions	---
1/9 - 2:15 p.m.	SB 88	Abandoned Property in Possession of a Museum	HB 21
1/16 - 3:00 p.m.	SB 107	Real Property - Common Ownership Communities - Payment of Fees	---
1/28 - 1:00 p.m.	SB 293	Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Amendments to Declarations and Governing Documents	HB 25
2/4 - 1:00 p.m.	SB 386	Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Reserve Studies	HB 58
2/14 - 12:00 p.m.	SB 472	Homeowners Associations - Adopted Annual Budget - Submission to Lot Owners	---
3/11 - 12:00 p.m.	SB 652	Real Property - Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Governing Bodies	---
2/25 - 12:00 p.m.	SB 734	Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act	HB 111
3/12 - 1:00 p.m.	SB 1056	Real Property - Deletion of Unlawful Ownership Restrictions - Exemption From Fees and Surcharges	HB 1077
2/12 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 21	Abandoned Property in Possession of a Museum	SB 88
1/28 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 25	Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Amendments to Declarations and Governing Documents	SB 293
1/28 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 58	Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Reserve Studies	SB 386
2/4 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 111	Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act	SB734
2/11 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 218	Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Annual Meetings	---
2/4 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 240	Real Property - Homeowners Associations - Number of Declarant Votes	---
2/11 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 279	Real Property - Restrictions on Use - Low-Impact Landscaping	---
2/11 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 444	Homeowners Associations - Powers, Boards of Directors, Voting, Meetings, and Rules	---
2/18 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 556	Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Amendment of Governing Documents	---
2/18 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 592	Real Property - Regulation of Common Ownership Community Managers	---
2/18 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 929	State Real Estate Commission - Property Managers - Registration	---
2/25 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 1054	Real Property - Governing Bodies of Common Ownership Communities - Member Training	---
2/25 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 1077	Real Property - Deletion of Unlawful Ownership Restrictions - Exemption From Fees and Surcharges	SB 1056
3/3 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 1519	Homeowners Associations - Assessments - Lien Priority	---
3/2 - 1:00 p.m.	HB 1628	Sales and Use Tax - Rate Reduction and Services	---