

Submitter: Elliott Campbell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4093

Good morning, I am Elliott Campbell, the director of the Office for Science and Stewardship at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. I manage the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) for the State of Maryland. Maryland has been calculating our GPI since 2011 on an annual basis. The GPI allows us to take a holistic look at how our state is progressing, incorporating social, environmental, and economic factors that impact quality of life, but are left out of the traditional economic measures used, namely gross state/domestic product. The GPI includes environmental benefits and degradation, public health, social benefits from higher education and spending on the arts, costs from societal ills like crime and automobile accidents, and factors in inequality in income across our society.

#### Advice from Maryland's Experience

Engage broadly across state government and external partners to encourage awareness, adoption early on in the process and annually when GPI is updated  
Consider how policy changes could impact factors included in the GPI, potentially include in the fiscal note of a bill

Longer term trends are more informative than year-to-year fluctuations

The GPI, as typically calculated, looks at the state holistically, so will not reflect regional differences

The GPI, as typically calculated, does not explicitly include DEIJ

Overall, annual data from the GPI supports more comprehensive and effective analysis and planning for economic health and recovery that are the foundations of more holistic community well-being. Maryland is pleased to share our experience and our data and methodology should Oregon decide to move forward with this initiative. Thank you very much.