



**VERBAL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE
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SB130

Data centers; site assessment, definition of high energy use facility.

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Thank you Chairman McPike and committee members. I am speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Virginia in favor of SB130. It has become amply clear that we need regulations to ensure that data centers are not sited where they harm residential neighborhoods' quality of life by producing excessive noise, pollution, or making excessive demands on water or power infrastructure or encroaching on a locality's designated historic or natural lands. SB130 incorporates many of the recommendations from the 2024 JLARC study, including requiring sound-modeling studies, setting and enforcing maximum allowable sound levels, and requiring water use estimates. We urge you to report the bill.