

**Maryland Judiciary  
Testimony  
SB256 - Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund –  
Surcharge on Recordable Instruments  
SUPPORT**

**CHART – FUND COLLECTIONS AND ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS WITH SURCHARGE**

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021*	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
	Actual	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
<b>Revenues:</b>							
Surcharge/ Copy Fees	26,659,506	29,282,641	29,282,641	29,282,641	29,282,641	29,282,641	29,282,641
e-Filing Service Fees	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,400,947</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>
<b>Operations:</b>							
ELROI Operations/Maintenance**	2,091,163	2,932,302	1,844,600	1,845,350	2,145,100	1,845,350	1,845,350
e-Filing Operations/Maintenance	3,062,802	3,840,000	3,950,000	4,200,000	4,310,000	4,645,000	5,000,000
Archives - mdlandrec	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Circuit Court Offices**	16,884,287	17,306,395	17,739,054	18,182,531	18,637,094	19,103,021	19,580,597
Major IT Projects**	10,295,236	13,796,285	18,360,001	14,865,750	13,050,000	11,650,000	11,400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,333,488</b>	<b>38,374,982</b>	<b>42,393,655</b>	<b>39,593,631</b>	<b>38,642,194</b>	<b>37,743,371</b>	<b>38,325,947</b>
<b>Projected Structural</b>	<b>(932,541)</b>	<b>(3,350,900)</b>	<b>(7,369,573)</b>	<b>(4,569,549)</b>	<b>(3,618,112)</b>	<b>(2,719,289)</b>	<b>(3,301,865)</b>
Less prior year encumbrances Spent	1,702,555						
Less open prior year encumbrances		2,436,664					
<b>Total Fund Balance (Accrual Basis)</b>	<b>31,238,229</b>	<b>25,450,665</b>	<b>18,081,092</b>	<b>13,511,543</b>	<b>9,893,431</b>	<b>7,174,142</b>	<b>3,872,277</b>
* Assumes surcharge does not sunset as scheduled.							
**Includes FY2019 encumbrances.							

As shown in the chart below, if the sunset provision is not lifted, the structural deficit is anticipated to continue with the Fund ceasing sustainability in Fiscal Year 2022.

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	Actual	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
<b>Revenues:</b>							
Surcharge/ Copy Fees	26,659,506	29,282,641	14,641,321	14,641,321	14,641,321	14,641,321	14,641,321
e-Filing Service Fees	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441	5,741,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,400,947</b>	<b>35,024,082</b>	<b>20,382,762</b>	<b>20,382,762</b>	<b>20,382,762</b>	<b>20,382,762</b>	<b>20,382,762</b>
<b>Operations:</b>							
ELROI Operations/Maintenance**	2,091,163	2,932,302	1,844,600	1,845,350	2,145,100	1,845,350	1,845,350
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Archives - mdlandrec	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
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<b>Total</b>	<b>33,333,488</b>	<b>38,374,982</b>	<b>42,393,655</b>	<b>39,593,631</b>	<b>38,642,194</b>	<b>37,743,371</b>	<b>38,325,947</b>
<b>Projected Structural</b>	<b>(932,541)</b>	<b>(3,350,900)</b>	<b>(22,010,893)</b>	<b>(19,210,869)</b>	<b>(18,259,432)</b>	<b>(17,060,609)</b>	<b>(17,943,185)</b>
Less prior year encumbrances Spent	1,702,555						
Less open prior year encumbrances		2,436,664					
<b>Total Fund Balance (Accrual Basis)</b>	<b>31,238,229</b>	<b>25,450,665</b>	<b>3,439,772</b>	<b>(15,771,097)</b>	<b>(34,030,529)</b>	<b>(51,391,138)</b>	<b>(69,334,323)</b>
* Assumes surcharge sunsets and fee is reduced from \$40 to \$20.							
**Includes FY2019 encumbrances.							