



**Bill No:** HB 712-- Landlord and Tenant - Access to Counsel in Evictions  
Special Fund - Mandatory Appropriation

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Date:** 2/16/22

**Position:** Favorable

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) represents members that own or manage more than 23 million square feet of commercial office space and 133,000 apartment rental units in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

House bill 712 requires the Governor to appropriate money from federal rental assistance money to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund.

AOBA supports a dedicated funding source for the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund that does not increase fees or impose new fees on housing providers or the rental housing industry.

**For these reasons AOBA requests a favorable report on HB 712.**

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