



**Bill No: SB 756-- Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund - Funding**

**Committee: Budget and Taxation**

**Date: 03/01/2023**

**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.

Senate Bill 756 requires the Comptroller to distribute \$14,000,000 from the abandoned property fund to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund for each fiscal year.

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 SB 756.**

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