

Bill No: HB 965— Income Tax – Credit for Mold Remediation of Residential Rental Properties

Committee: Ways and Means

Date: March 2, 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.

House Bill 965 provides a tax credit for mold remediation of single-family and multifamily residential rental properties that incur costs for abatement. The Department of Housing and Community Development must issue a tax credit of actual costs incurred from mold abatement or \$10,000 and cannot exceed \$600,000 for a taxable year.

It is expensive and costly for housing providers to hire a vendor, thoroughly conduct inspections, and remediate mold in apartment communities. AOBA supports legislation that offsets the cost for housing providers making necessary remediation to dwelling units afflicted with mold and keeping residents safe.

For these reasons, AOBA urges an unfavorable report on HB 965.

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