



**Bill No:** HB 530— Maryland Task Force on Educator Housing

**Committee:** Environment & Transportation & Ways and Means

**Date:** 2/20/2024

**Position:** Favorable with Amendments

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

House Bill 530 establishes a task force on educator housing to evaluate and make recommendations addressing the lack of access to attainable housing for educators in the State. The task force will also consider the correlation between the lack of access to attainable housing and educator shortages throughout the State.

AOBA supports legislation addressing access to affordable housing and ensuring that the State meets its metrics for the expansion of housing to attract educators to the State. AOBA recommends that one representative from the rental housing industry serve on the task force to assess and develop recommendations to solve barriers to housing affordability for educators.

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