



Bill No: SB 544 – State Court Administrator - Warrants of Restitution and Writs of Possession - Data Collection and Reporting

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

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Position: Support

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) supports SB 544. AOBA's members 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.

SB 544 requires the State Court Administrator to collect and maintain, on or before July 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, publish on a website accessible to the public a report on information related to certain warrants of restitution and writs of possession. Such information includes (1) the address of the subject premises; (2) whether the premises was used for residential purposes; (3) the date of execution of the warrant or writ; (4) whether a tenant or an occupant was present at the time the warrant or writ was executed; and (5) the type of action from which the warrant or writ was issued.

AOBA supports efforts to increase transparency and information related to the warrants of restitution and writs of possession. Additionally, this data collection should be useful in defining the scope and developing effective solutions when crafting new policy.

For these reasons AOBA urges a favorable report on SB 544.

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