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TO: House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Public Safety and Administration
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Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Subcommittee on Public Safety, Transportation,
and Environment (Hearing Date: 03/06/2023)
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FROM: Chung K. Pak
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Recommended Action:

1. OAH should comment on the reasons for the increase in rent at Hunt Valley office and if additional increases at this level are expected in coming years.

OAH Response: OAH renegotiated a ten-year contract and the cost per square footage has increased in accordance with the contract. We are expecting additional smaller increases, totaling less than \$.50 cents a month per square foot.

2. OAH should comment on the number of foreclosure cases is expected to remain at the new lower level or if the number of cases is expected to increase to prepandemic levels. OAH should comment on if a significant increase to foreclosure

cases would affect their ability to return to prepandemic average foreclosure case processing times.

OAH Response: The level of foreclosure filings is dependent on economic conditions and is difficult to predict. That being said, OAH expects to see an increase in the number of foreclosure mediations now that pandemic-related foreclosure moratoriums have expired. Due to state and federal mortgage relief programs, the OAH may not experience an increase in foreclosure mediations to prepandemic levels. Regardless of the magnitude of any increase in foreclosure mediations, OAH expects that it will be able to return to prepandemic average foreclosure case processing times.

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