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Measure Description:

Requires city or county to review and decide on applications for certain housing developments containing affordable housing units as first priority.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Counties, Cities

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 2007 with the -2 amendment directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development to study housing development in relation to affordable housing in cities. The Department is required to report its findings to the Legislature by September 15, 2019. In addition, the bill requires a city or county to take final action on application to develop multifamily residential building with at least 5% of units sold or rented as affordable housing within 100 days after completion. The bill prohibits a city or county from denying an application if it complies with clear and objective standards outlined within the city or county comprehensive plan or zoning ordinances. The bill also prohibits a local government from discouraging need housing through neighborhood designation as national historic district or reducing the density of an application unless necessary for health, safety or habitability issue. The bill allows the development of a duplex or accessory dwelling unit on area zoned for single-family dwellings located within the urban growth boundary. The bill permits religious organizations to provide affordable housing to households with incomes equal to or less than 60 percent of the median family income for the county.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, cities and counties. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required