

HB 2001 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires cities with a population greater than 10,000 and counties with a population greater than 15,000 to allow development of at least one middle housing type on each lot in areas zoned for detached single-family homes within urban growth boundaries (UGBs), subject to reasonable local regulation. Requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission to develop a model middle housing code. Requires local governments to adopt the model code or their own complying comprehensive plan by December 31, 2020. Prohibits local governments from requiring payment of a system development charge for middle housing prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit. Mandates prevailing party attorney fees for successful appeals for denied proposals to develop middle housing. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The term "middle housing" refers to a variety of housing designed to accommodate more occupants than single-family homes, but less than large multifamily complexes, such as duplexes, row houses, cottage clusters, stacked flats, and accessory dwelling units.

House Bill 2001 requires certain localities to allow for the development of at least one type of "middle housing" per lot, in areas zoned for single-family dwellings within their UGBs.