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Measure: HB 2006 - A

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Measure Description:

Defines "emergency shelter." Requires local governments to allow siting of qualifying emergency shelters by qualifying entities notwithstanding land use laws and regulations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Cities, Counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2006 A-Engrossed directs the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to award grants and provide technical assistants to organizations to fund the construction, purchase, lease, or operation of emergency shelters. The measure adds technical assistance as an allowable use of funds in the Emergency Housing Account. The measure also authorizes the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to award grants to local government to fund the planning, development, construction, purchase, lease, or operation of navigation centers. The measure specifies that DAS must require that each local government receiving a grant must return all moneys granted if it cannot develop a navigation center that is operating by July 1, 2022. The measure suspends land use and zoning regulations until July 1, 2022 to allow for siting emergency shelters under certain conditions. The measure includes definitions of certain terms and revises statutes relating to transitional housing to include parking lots or facilities. The measure allows any public or private entity to allow overnight camping on their property, not just religious organizations.

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)

HCSD anticipates using a portion of any funds appropriated for the measure to administer this grant program and offer technical assistance to eligible local entities, while awarding the majority of any funds appropriated for the measure through a competitive process across the state that would invest in a mix of shelter acquisition, shelter operations, and other services. Any grants to local entities are expected to be fully committed in the 2021-23 biennium, but HCSD anticipates that some of the activities will require a longer timeline to fully expend. HCSD would need authorization to transfer some portion of appropriated funds for the measure as carryforward Other Funds to the 2023-25 biennium to honor commitments for construction and real estate transactions, rental assistance agreements that cross biennia, operating agreements with emergency shelters, and agency administrative expenses related to oversight.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Cities, Counties

DAS will use existing staff and resources to administer any available funding to award grants to local government and require that each local government receiving a grant must return all moneys granted if it cannot develop a navigation center that is operating by July 1, 2022.

Local governments may experience a fiscal impact depending on whether an emergency shelter/navigation center allowed under this measure is established in their jurisdiction, whether other assistance is provided, and whether additional public safety responses are required, but any such potential impact is indeterminate at this time.

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