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Co-Chair Fred Girod

Co-Chair Paul Hovey

Re: Housing and Houselessness Investments in HB 5202-1

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Hovey and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction,

I write in support of the housing and houselessness investments in HB 5202-1. As one of the architects of the houselessness prevention and housing stability portions of the budget proposal, I particularly write to clarify intent for three aspects of the omnibus budget report and appropriations contained in the bill.

- For the allocations to local governments made in Section 379, funds are intended to be used for services that have reasonable sideboards to ensure that best practices are being employed to serve people experiencing houselessness.
- For the allocations in Section 379(4-12), funds are intended to be used for temporary shelters, camping sites, or parking sites that have a maximum capacity of no more than 150 people, that are low-barrier, that are connected to services, and that are voluntary for all individuals who utilize them.
- For the allocations to local governments for trash and sanitation services made in Section 379(13-19), funds are intended to be used by local governments for voluntary trash pick-up, debris clean-up, abandoned vehicle removal, and mitigation, meaning that funds are not intended to be used for activities associated with campsite or vehicle removal where people are currently living and that are not abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kayse Jama