

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 8: Housing and Community Services Department Shelter and Rehousing Investments

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report on shelter and rehousing investments pursuant to a budget note for HB 5019.

This is the second quarterly report on investments to address homelessness through HB 5019 and HB 2001, which appropriated \$158.9 million in General Fund resources for state and local entities. This report includes actual outcomes by Continuum of Care through August 31st. Continuums of Care within the Governor’s designated emergency areas have collectively created 34% of the shelter bed goal, and met 11% of the goal for rehousing. More than 2,700 households have been assisted with eviction prevention services.

A data dashboard has been deployed and will be updated on a monthly basis with information on outcomes and progress. The Housing and Community Services Department reports that allocation plans for continuing these services for the final 18 months of the 2023-25 biennium have not yet been finalized. The Department is also still working on a program framework to guide the allocation of a special purpose appropriation for long term rental assistance to additional people.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.