

HB 3018 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 02/09/23

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Andersen, Bynum, Chaichi, Conrad, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Reynolds, Tran, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

States that the Department of Justice (DOJ) may assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs and appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for said assistance. Directs DOJ to report on expenditures to the Legislative Assembly as directed. Sunsets January 2, 2026. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Stable housing essential to escaping abusive situations
- High rental costs and low vacancy rates
- Shelter capacity
- Victims with pets face additional obstacles

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Justice is responsible for a conglomeration of functions and activities. The Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division (CVSSD) compensates victims of violent crime for losses they sustain as a result of criminal actions and is organized into sections specific to the goals of the Division as a whole. CVSSD administers and monitors grants from eight major funds, providing partial funding to nearly every nonprofit and system-based victims program in the state. It also provides direct advocacy programs, monitors bias crimes, and collects restitution and criminal fines and fees on behalf of victims and the state. The Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Fund section of the CVSSD advocates, provides safety, promotes cooperation among agencies, and stabilizes the infrastructure for victims of assault.

House Bill 3018 appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs.