

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Housing and Community Services Department Shelter and Rehousing Investments

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

On February 8th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Housing and Community Services Department on shelter, rehousing, and homelessness prevention investments pursuant to a budget note.

This is the third quarterly report on investments to address homelessness through House Bill 5019, which appropriated \$158.9 million General Fund for state and local entities. The Department reports that \$80.3 million for shelter and rehousing in seven continuums of care resulted in the creation of 1,047 shelter beds and over 1,800 households rehoused. These regions exceeded the shelter bed creation goal by 359 beds and the rehousing goal by 536 households. In the balance of state, \$28.3 million was made available for shelter and rehousing as of July 1, 2023, and local planning groups are in the process of providing services. Data is expected to be available by June 2024.

Of the total appropriated, \$33.6 million was dedicated to homelessness prevention efforts. The Department reports that nearly 9,000 households have been provided with homelessness prevention services to date. Members of the Subcommittee requested follow-up information on the number of households that remained housed due to receiving homelessness prevention assistance.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends approval.