

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Housing and Community Services Department

Eviction and Homelessness Prevention

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

On February 17th, the Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee received a report from the Housing and Community Services Department on eviction and homelessness prevention program design, pursuant to a budget note in HB 5011.

The 2025-27 legislatively adopted budget contains \$44.6 million for eviction and homelessness prevention. The Housing and Community Services Department was directed to provide recommendations to maximize this funding for direct assistance to eligible households and include limits on administrative and program delivery costs.

The agency recommends that service providers use at least 70% of their funding allocation for direct financial assistance to households and no more than 30% for program delivery and administrative costs. Additional outcome measures for service providers include following up with households to track housing retention. Service providers will be encouraged to identify at-risk populations and refer them to other assistance for which they might be eligible. The agency is also looking to identify policies addressing households repeatedly accessing eviction

prevention resources and to assess the effectiveness of those policies. These recommendations will be fully implemented by the 2027-29 biennium.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.