

**HB 4079**  
**Relating to housing**

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On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Capital Construction Subcommittee recommended passage of HB 4079, with amendments.

HB 4079 requires the Land Conservation and Development Commission to establish and implement an affordable housing pilot program; adopting rules to implement that program before July 1, 2017. The Commission is to select two pilot projects, one from a city with a population of less than 25,000 and one from a city with a population greater than 25,000.

The bill requires LCDC to adopt rules defining “affordable housing”; specifying the types of affordable housing allowed on pilot project sites, limiting the total acreage of pilot project sites to no more than 50 acres, and specifying local government efforts that demonstrate the accommodation and encouragement of the local government in the development of needed housing. LCDC is also required to adopt rules that specify requirements for affordable housing that may include a sales price or rental rate range, and LCDC is allowed to establish a rule allowing for an expedited process for amending urban growth boundaries to include pilot project sites.

The bill also provides direction to local governments where pilot projects are sited regarding duties and restrictions of the local government with respect to the project. LCDC is required to report on the progress of the pilot program to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing and human services following the 2016 legislative session and for three consecutive legislative sessions beginning with the 2017 session.

The measure includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Land Conservation and Development in the amount of \$100,000 for carrying out the provisions of the bill.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 4079 be amended by the -B12 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.