SB 271 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to study housing issues. Requires Housing and Community Services Department to report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allowable and intended uses of spending
- Geographic reach of spending
- Estimated number of beneficiaries from appropriation
- Funding for new housing units
- Role of housing navigators
- Data on efficacy of housing services programs
- How grantees access and deploy Department of Justice grant funds

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Appropriates \$5,000,000 from General Fund to Department of Justice beginning July 1, 2021 to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs. Requires Department of Justice to report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 271 with the -1 amendment appropriates \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with housing needs. The Department of Justice must report department expenditures to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022. The measure with the -1 amendment declares an emergency, effective on passage.