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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
From: Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 10, 2025
Subject: HB 3644 – Relating to a statewide shelter system
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3644 requires the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to establish a statewide shelter program for the purposes of reducing unsheltered homelessness and transition people from experiencing homelessness into housing stability. HCSD will work with regional coordinators to plan and fund services based on region, needs, shelter profile, and past performance. Shelters receiving funds must primarily be all season and available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Shelters must use best practices including coordinated entry and data systems to facilitate data collection and reporting. The measure includes reporting requirements, funding set asides for low-barrier and recovery-based shelters, and specifies contract terms.

Funding and staffing for a statewide shelter system is included in HB 5011, the budget bill for the Housing and Community Services Department.

Amendment

The -A2 amendment removes the appropriation included in the measure, as funding for a statewide shelter system is included in HB 5011. The amendment includes a sunset provision of January 2, 2034, and conforms renewal of regional coordinator selection with the sunset date.

LFO recommends adoption of the -A2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A2 amendment to HB 3644. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3644, as amended by the -A2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 3644 as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____