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Bill Title: Relating to guarantees against losses in mortgage loans extended to first-time home buyers; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Housing and Community Services Department, Department of Consumer and Business Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Housing and Community Services Department	\$ 2,500,000	<u>ج</u>	Ś -	\$	\$ 2,500,000	1	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact		<i>•</i>	<u>,</u>	<i>,</i>		-	
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2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Housing and Community Services							
Department	\$-	\$-	\$ 135,111	\$-	\$ 135,111	1	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$-	\$-	\$ 135,111	\$ -	\$ 135,111	1	0.50

- The estimated fiscal impact assumes the funding established for grants is provided on a one-time basis.
- The table does not include the Other Funds expenditure limitation necessary to expend General Fund deposited by the measure into the Welcome Home Assistance Program Fund. While the expenditure limitation will need to be established to properly budget for the impact of the measure if it is adopted, it is not reflected in the table to avoid duplication of expenses.

Measure Description

The measure directs the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to establish a loan loss reserve program to partially cover risks of loss for qualified lenders. The measure establishes the Welcome Home Assistance Program Fund and provides a one-time \$2.5 million General Fund appropriation to HCSD for program and operational costs. All payments received as part of the program must be deposited into the Welcome Home Assistance Program Fund. Monies within the Fund are continuously appropriated to HCSD. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Fiscal Analysis

The measure has a fiscal impact of \$2.5 million General Fund and one permanent part-time position (0.50 FTE) to HCSD for the 2025-27 biennium. Of this total, \$2.4 million will be deposited directly into the Fund for an estimated 118 qualifying loan loss reserve program payments. The remaining \$135,111 General Fund is the personal services and standard position-related services and supplies costs for one permanent part-time Loan Specialist 2 position to process requests received for the loan loss reserve program and monitor and report on fund activity. HCSD would require \$2.5 million Other Funds expenditure limitation to make qualifying payments.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The fiscal impact assumes that staffing costs in the 2027-29 biennium and beyond would be supported by investment earnings on monies in the fund, which is allowable under section 2(1) of the measure.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Relevant Dates

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