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Bill Title: Relating to a statewide shelter program; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Housing and Community Services Department, Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure requires the Housing and Community Services Department to establish a statewide shelter program for the purposes of reducing unsheltered homelessness and transitioning people into housing stability. The measure requires regional coordination, planning and funding for shelter and rehousing services, and the selection of regional coordinators. The measure specifies reporting requirements for regional coordinators and the Department, and it establishes minimum standards for shelter services that receive funding through the program.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate. The measure establishes a new statewide shelter program within the Housing and Community Services Department that requires the development of regional coordination with local governments or nonprofit public benefit corporations. The fiscal impact is dependent on the development of the regional coordinators, and the number of providers and shelters within those regions. The level of resources available for funding the shelter system is dependent on the amount of funding dedicated to the program. Besides program rules, the Department may need staffing resources to develop compliance and reporting requirements for the program. Associated funding and positions to operate the statewide shelter program are included in HB 5011, the Department's 2025-27 budget bill.

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on counties and cities.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

HCSD shall adopt rules to administer the statewide shelter program by January 1, 2026, and select regional coordinators by May 1, 2026.

The statewide shelter program sunsets on January 2, 2034.