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After many years of working in shelter and services for those experiencing houselessness, local solutions are the best solutions. Having shelter be administered statewide, creates layers of bureaucracy where none is needed. There are several existing "best practices" from the National Alliance on Ending Homelessness that can be used by local jurisdictions to create their own plan that suits their own situation. Especially now, in times where resources are diminishing, adding positions and requirements on top of requirements makes solving the problem even more challenging. We need localities to create their own plan, using existing materials as a roadmap, and then resources to implement the plan. I strongly oppose this bill. Use the mechanisms in place to administer shelter funding.