

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 4036

Relating to affordable housing

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

HB 4036 establishes the Housing, Opportunity, Longevity and Durability Fund, continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, to preserve affordable housing—including manufactured housing parks—that are at risk of loss due to expiring affordability restrictions, financial distress, and physical condition. The measure expands the definition of affordable housing in distress.

Bond proceeds, including general obligation bonds of the state, are authorized to support affordable housing preservation. The department is required to report to the Legislature with recommendations on possible changes to state laws, agency policies, and rules to improve affordable housing operation.

One-time General Fund of \$150,000 is included for legal review associated with changes to contract language, bond covenants, and program rules necessary for using Article Eleven-Q bonds for affordable housing preservation. \$145,175 in Other Funds expenditure limitation is included for one permanent program manager position.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 4036 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.