

Comprehensive Housing Planning Act

SB 2290: Senator Iris Martinez

HB 5268: Rep. Julie Hamos

The Comprehensive Housing Planning Act would codify provisions of the Governor's 2003 Executive Order establishing a comprehensive state housing policy. Unless replaced by statute, the Executive Order will expire at the end of 2008.

The legislation would recognize that the availability of decent and affordable housing throughout the state is important to the state's economic health and would require state government to have an action plan for addressing the growing need for affordable housing.

Executive Order in action:

Governor Blagojevich's Executive Order, issued in September 2003, created a State Housing Task Force composed of the Director of the Illinois Housing Development Authority and representatives of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, legislative leaders and state agencies with housing assistance programs or serving residents with housing needs. In January 2005, Gov. Blagojevich and the Task Force issued the first comprehensive and coordinated plan to better distribute more than \$600 million in annual state spending to benefit more than 115,000 citizens.

Legislation to require annual updates:

The legislation would direct the Task Force to advise and guide a smaller interagency subcommittee in the development of an annual housing plan, which would be delivered to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1 of every year. By April 1 of the following year, the subcommittee also would report on progress made toward achieving the goals of the previous year's plan.

The Comprehensive Housing Plan would:

- Create goals to help underserved populations – such as low-income households who can't afford to live near their jobs, are living in affordable housing at-risk of losing that affordability, are seniors or people with disabilities – in need of new and rehabilitated housing;
- Identify all funding sources under state control for housing construction, rehabilitation, preservation, operating or rental subsidies, and supportive services;
- And recommend state actions to assist housing creation and suggest incentives for communities to create a mix of housing to meet the needs of current and future residents.

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