

SECTION 1

COMMISSIONER'S LETTER WITH STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION



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Senator Andres Ayala, Co-Chair
Representative Selim G. Noujaim, Co-Chair
Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to § 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit to you for your review and approval and placement on the Committee's agenda the enclosed proposed revised regulation for inclusion in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies entitled "Tenant Rights in State Public Housing."

The purpose of these regulations is to implement the provisions of 8-68f of the Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS"), which requires the Commissioner of the Department of Housing ("DOH") to establish, for housing owned or operated by a Landlord which receives financial assistance under any state housing program, uniform minimum standards to: (1) provide each of its Tenants with a written lease, (2) adopt a procedure for hearing Tenant complaints and Grievances, adopt procedures for soliciting Tenant comment on proposed changes in Landlord policies and procedures, including changes to its form of lease and to its admission and occupancy policies, and encourage Tenant participation in the Landlord's operation of state housing programs, including, where appropriate, the facilitation of Tenant participation in the management of housing projects.

Please note this is a resubmission of regulations initially submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development ("DECD"). DOH, as successor-in-interest to DECD for affordable housing matters pursuant to CGS § 8-37r, has worked closely with the staff of the Legislative Regulations Review Committee (the "Committee") and stakeholders to address all comments provided by the Committee and such stakeholders. Although these regulations have been in process for some time, they are the result of consensus reached by effected parties and other stakeholders including, but not limited to, housing authority representatives, tenant advocates and legal aid.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact Amy Filotto, DOH's Legal Counsel at (860) 270-8062. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Evonne M. Klein
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Kirstin L. Briener, Committee Administrator