
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5209

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITY JURISDICTION.

SUMMARY

This bill allows housing authorities to adopt expanded areas of operation in any other municipalities and exercise their powers in them (e.g., developing and operating affordable housing projects). Current law limits their areas of operation to (1) within the boundaries of the municipality in which they were created and (2) neighboring municipalities whose governing bodies have approved it.

Under the bill, housing authorities may exercise the same powers in an expanded area of operation that they currently do in their area of operation, subject to certain limitations. Specifically, the bill prohibits housing authorities, in an expanded area of operation, from (1) establishing or maintaining a housing authority police force or (2) acquiring property by eminent domain.

Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, the governing bodies of two or more municipalities may create a regional housing authority. The bill also allows regional housing authorities to adopt an expanded area of operation.

Finally, the bill makes numerous technical and conforming changes, including reorganizing statutes and eliminating redundant and obsolete definitions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 11 Nay 4 (03/15/2022)