
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5157 (as amended by House “A”)*

AN ACT REPEALING PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE STATE-ASSISTED HOUSING SUSTAINABILITY FUND.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals an obsolete Department of Housing (DOH) fund (the state-assisted housing sustainability fund) that has been unfunded for over 10 years. DOH used this fund, in consultation with a now-repealed committee (see BACKGROUND), to provide financial assistance to owners for preserving certain eligible housing.

Current law requires DOH to pay the cost of certain comprehensive physical needs assessments for eligible housing from the fund. The bill instead requires DOH to pay these costs within available appropriations.

The bill also makes a conforming change to preserve a definition applicable to another DOH program.

*House Amendment “A” requires DOH to pay the cost of the needs assessments within available appropriations, rather than from the obsolete fund the bill repeals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Advisory Committee Repeal

The 2023 budget implementer repealed a number of inactive or obsolete commissions, working groups, panels, and task forces, including the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Advisory Committee (PA 23-204, §§ 234, 235 & 444).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (02/29/2024)