
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 207

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITY JURISDICTION.

SUMMARY

This bill allows housing authorities to exercise their powers (e.g., developing and operating affordable housing projects) outside of their municipal boundaries by adopting an expanded area of operation that may include any other municipality. Current law limits housing authorities' 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. (The bill does not specify a process for adopting this expanded area.)

The bill gives housing authorities the same powers in an expanded area of operation that they may exercise in their area of operation, subject to certain limitations. Specifically, it 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 similarly 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, 2024

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 6, §§ 12-24, reported favorably by the Housing Committee, has similar provisions; however, in the case of a housing authority's expanded area of operation, it requires the other involved municipalities to authorize the expansion.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 5 (02/29/2024)