

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1306

AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN FUNDING PROVISIONS FROM THE

Title: HEALTHY HOMES FUND.

Vote Date: 2/20/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/18/2025

File No.: 76

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Housing Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The Department of Housing brought this bill to the Housing Committee for a technical repeal of language implemented under Public Act 23-205, Section 159, because this provision is no longer relevant.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Seila Bruno, Commissioner, Department of Housing](#) - Commissioner Seila Bruno supported this bill because it is, "a technical repeal of language implemented under Public Act 23-205, Section 159." Seila Bruno added that this revision is no longer relevant due to local conditions and that it creates unforeseen complications.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Constance Hicks, Healthy Living Care Co](#) – Constance Hicks is in support of this bill and stated that companies and landlords lie on documents to get tenants evicted, repairs are not being completed, and rent payments are not being processed as paid, creating untruthful late fees.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Anonymous](#) – Submitted testimony in opposition of this bill because it infringes on landlords' rights. They stated that eliminating, "no right or privilege to occupy" as grounds for eviction

leaves landlords defenseless against squatters, jeopardizes property security, and creates significant problems for banks managing foreclosed properties.

[Matthew Reed, Town Administrator, Town of Ellington](#) – Matthew Reed is in opposition of this bill and stated: "Continued funding for the identification, testing, and remediation of home foundations impacted by pyrrhotite deterioration is essential." He explained that in place of this bill, we should: "1. Incentivize testing to identify at-risk homes early. 2. Require disclosure and inspection in real estate transactions. 3. Ensure continued funding to support remediation efforts."

The following testimonies express general opposition to the bill:

[Anonymous](#)

[Anonymous](#)

[Anonymous](#)

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**Reported by: Arianna Tsikitas, Clerk
Jasmine Jones, Assistant Clerk**

Date: 3/14/2025