OLR Bill Analysis sHB 6946

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill modifies requirements related to the reports housing authorities must annually submit to the housing commissioner and their respective municipality's chief executive officer. It requires housing authorities, beginning with reports due March 1, 2026, to (1) post these reports on their websites and (2) include new rental affordability information. Specifically, the bill requires annual reports to include the following additional information:

- 1. rental price levels by income group for housing authority-owned or -operated rental units, and the annual change in the rental price level of these units;
- 2. the number of rental units at each respective rental price level for housing authority-owned or -operated housing projects or developments, as a percentage of area median income (AMI); and
- 3. the dates when rental units qualified as "affordable" (i.e., those for which households earning no more than the federally determined AMI pay 30% or less of their annual income (CGS § 8-39a)).

Existing law requires these annual reports to include various other metrics related to housing authorities' operation, such as (1) an inventory of existing housing authority-owned or -operated housing (e.g., total number of rental units, their types and sizes, and occupancies and vacancies in each housing project or development); (2) a description and status update for new construction projects an authority is undertaking; and (3) information on certain rental housing that an authority sold, leased, or transferred during the reporting period. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 18 Nay 0 (02/20/2025)