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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Knight, Alzate, Morales, Casey, Giraldo, and Kislak

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

(Dept. of Housing)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-53-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-53 entitled "Low and  
2 Moderate Income Housing" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-53-12. Annual report.**

4 (a) The Rhode Island housing corporation established pursuant to chapter 55 of title 42 (the  
5 "corporation") shall collect data on the number of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, as  
6 authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 1437(f) ("vouchers"), that are received and utilized by the public housing  
7 authorities (PHA) and agencies.

8 (b) The ~~office of housing and community development (OHCD)~~ department of housing  
9 shall prepare a report ("report") on an annual basis to the general assembly, the housing resources  
10 commission, the Rhode Island housing corporation, the division of statewide planning, and the  
11 secretary of housing. The report required by this section shall be made available on the ~~OHCD~~  
12 department of housing website for a period of at least three (3) years, and shall be deemed to be a  
13 public record. The report shall be due on or before ~~March 1~~ April 15 of each year, commencing in  
14 the calendar year ~~2023~~ 2026.

15 (c) The annual report required by this section shall contain the following information for  
16 the twelve-month (12) calendar period covered by the report commencing January 1, 2022, through  
17 December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter on an aggregated and disaggregated basis by each  
18 public housing authority:

19 (1) The total fees collected by each municipality from developers in lieu of development

1 of low- and moderate-income housing as defined in § 45-24-46.1.

2 (2) The number of unfunded vouchers that result either due to cost of rent or due to an  
3 unavailability of housing units. The information required by this subsection shall be provided by  
4 all public housing authorities or agencies directly to the ~~office of housing and community~~  
5 ~~development (OHCD)~~ department of housing.

6 (3) The total number of vouchers received and utilized by all public housing authorities in  
7 the state during the preceding calendar year.

8 (4) The administrative fees received and utilized by the public housing authorities to  
9 administer the vouchers.

10 (d) As used herein, the term “public housing authority and agency” means and includes  
11 any public housing authority or agency established under chapter 25 of this title or chapter 26 of  
12 this title.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would ensure that the Rhode Island department of housing is able to access the  
2 full calendar year worth of housing choice voucher data for the annual report required by this  
3 section by moving the report submission deadline back to align with availability of federal data.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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