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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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)~~ The department of  
9 housing shall prepare a report ("report") on an annual basis to the general assembly, ~~the housing~~  
10 ~~resources commission,~~ the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation, and the  
11 division of statewide planning, ~~and the secretary of housing~~. The report required by this section  
12 shall be made available on the ~~OHCD~~ department of housing website for a period of at least three  
13 (3) years, and shall be deemed to be a public record. The report shall be due on or before ~~March 1~~  
14 April 15 of each year, ~~commencing in the calendar year 2023.~~
- 15           ~~(e)~~(b) The annual report required by this section shall contain the following information  
16 for the twelve-month (12) calendar period covered by the report commencing January 1, 2022,  
17 through December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter on an aggregated and disaggregated basis by  
18 each public housing authority:
- 19           (1) The ~~total~~ amount of fees in lieu collected by each municipality from developers in lieu

1 of development of low- and moderate-income housing as defined in § 45-24-46.1, the projects that  
2 were provided funding by the fees, the amounts allocated to the projects, and the number of units  
3 created. The information required by this subsection shall be provided by all municipalities directly  
4 to the executive office of housing.

5 (2) The ~~number of unfunded vouchers that result either due to cost of rent or due to an~~  
6 ~~unavailability of housing units~~ amount of "leasing potential" as defined by the United States  
7 Department of Housing and Urban Development. The information required by this subsection shall  
8 be provided by all public housing authorities or agencies directly to the ~~office of housing and~~  
9 ~~community development (OHCD)~~ department of housing.

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

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

14 ~~(d)~~(c) As used herein, the term “public housing authority and agency” means and includes  
15 any public housing authority or agency established under chapter 25 of this title or chapter 26 of  
16 this title.

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

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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 and  
4 would amend the content of the information required to be submitted in the annual report.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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