

SENATE BILL SB-13

Introduced by Senator Maria Elena Durazo (D-26)

An act relating to Affordable Housing Act. .

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-13, Maria Elena Durazo (D-26). Affordable Housing Act. .

Existing laws in California establish housing programs which are administrated by the Department of Housing and community development or the HCD. This includes programs that provide rental and housing assistance and provide various tenant protections.

Existing law also provides protections and resources for tenants who are experiencing housing instability. However, they do not provide every household experiencing financial hardship with direct rental assistance to help prevent eviction.

This bill would establish the affordable housing assistance program within the Department of Housing and community development. This would provide temporary rental assistance too low-income households that are experiencing housing instability or are at risk of being evicted.

This bill would require the HD to establish eligibility requirements for the program and distribute assistance through local housing agencies and nonprofit organizations. There would be a priority given to those households that can immediately demonstrate inability to pay rent or at immediate risk of eviction.

This bill would require 2 million from the general fund to the HCD for the establishment and maintenance of the program. The department would be required to monitor the use of funds and report it to the legislature on the program's implantation.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares all the following:

- A. Housing affordability and homelessness are impactful concerns for residents of California State Senate District 26.
- B. High housing costs and risk of eviction are causes of financial instability for low-income households.
- C. Temporary rental assistance can help households remain non-homeless while experiencing short-term financial hardship
- D. The purpose of this act is to establish a temporary assistance program for eligible households who are experiencing financial instability or immediate risk of eviction.

SECTION. 2. The existing law governing programs administered by the HCD will be amended to include the following:

~~*{Existing statutory language governing the department's authority to provide housing assistance}*~~

The Department of Housing and Community Development may administer programs that provide grants, loans, as well as other forms of assistance for housing purposes including the housing stability assistance program established by this act.

SECTION. 3.

- A. The Department of Housing and Community Development will establish and administer the housing stability assistance program
- B. The Department will establish eligibility requirements for applying for assistance
- C. When awarding assistance, the Department will give priority to households that:
 - 1. Demonstrate immediate need for assistance due to inability to pay rent
 - 2. have received an eviction notice or demonstrate factors that indicate risk of losing housing
 - 3. Have limited household income or other forms of income

SECTION. 4.

- A. The total of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the implementation of this program.
- B. No more than 10% of the funds may be used for administrative costs
- C. The remaining funds will be used to provide rental assistance

SECTION. 5.

- A. The HCD will submit an annual report to the legislature describing the implementation of the program
- B. the report will include:
 - 1. the number of households who are receiving assistance
 - 2. the total amount of assistance distribute
 - 3. The number of households who are at risk of eviction when received assistance
 - 4. The amount of funds remaining at the end of the reporting.