

SENATE BILL SB-54

Introduced by Senator Laura Richardson (D-35)

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SB-54, Laura Richardson (D-35). This bill aims to make public transportation more affordable, accessible, and environmentally clean for communities across California..

There are laws that can help promote affordable housing and provide funds towards affordable housing. These laws help encourage affordable housing to be near transit. By having cities and states create more housing around transit lines. Although there are many families with low-moderate income that pay high amounts for their housing and could be located away from transit lines.

By creating a Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Program through the California Dept of Housing and Community Development. Funds will be provided to help construct affordable housing around major transit lines with high rider ship such as bus stops, train stops and transit hubs. Those areas that may have a high cost of living or high renter burden and not enough affordable housing will be given more weight. When building these affordable housing units there must be units reserved for those who make low to moderate income.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** yes.

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SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Act.

SEC. 2. This act will allow for more affordable housing near transit lines in california.

SEC. 3. The California Department of Housing and Community Development will establish a Transit Oriented Affordable Housing program.

(a) Monetary incentive's will be given to city's and county's as well as approved housing developers who create affordable housing near major bus stops/train stops. Housing must be located within one half mile from a transit line or bus stop with heavy traffic.

(b) Areas should have a large demand for affordable housing. For example if the area has high cost of living or rent and little to no affordable housing.

(c) All housing that is created from this act must allow low income families as well as middle income.

SEC. 4. City's and County's that want to participate in this program will need to show vacant lot's near transit lines.

(a) City's can also partner with non profit organizations and housing developers to create affordable housing that would fall under this act.

(b) Any housing built from this act will be considered affordable for a certain period of time. The California Department of Housing and Community Development will determine this time frame.

SEC. 5. The California Department of Housing and Community Development will develop ways to qualify households to live in these affordable homes.

(a) There will be qualification's based off of the households income. Also based on surrounding costs of living and access to transit.

(b) If a household uses public transportation to get to work/school they will be considered first.

SEC. 6. Money will be taken from legislation funds and any other funds available to aid in creating affordable housing.

(a) This money can go towards creating affordable housing and anything that will help create affordable housing.

(b) City's that receive money from this program will have to inform the California Department of Housing and Community Development how many homes they were able to build. They will also need to know what income bracket they are housing and how far away from transit.

SEC. 7. The California Department of Housing and Community Development can develop any necessary rules to enforce this act.