

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.

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