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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 Noret, Corvese, Azzinaro, Bennett, Casimiro, Alzate, Costantino, and Cardillo

Date Introduced: March 07, 2022

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-53 of the General Laws entitled "Low and Moderate Income  
2 Housing" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-53-10. 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"), which are received and utilized by the public  
7 housing authorities (PHA) and agencies.

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

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

18 (1) The total fees collected by each municipality from developers in lieu of development  
19 of low and moderate income housing as defined in § 45-24-46.1.

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

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

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

9           (d) As used herein, the term "public housing authority and agency" means and includes any  
10 public housing authority or agency established under chapter 25 of title 45 or chapter 26 of title 45.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           The act would require the office of housing and community development to prepare an  
2 annual report ("report") to the general assembly, the housing resources commission, the division of  
3 statewide planning, Rhode Island housing corporation, and the secretary of housing, on Section 8  
4 Housing Choice Vouchers.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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