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Senate Bill 894 – Task Force on Common Ownership Communities

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Mister Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

In 2006 a task force was established to study the needs of Common Ownership Communities. Since that time there have been numerous laws passed to assist Common Ownership communities, but the complexities of the needs of these communities continues to grow.

Senator Bill 894 will create the Task Force on Common Ownership Communities and require the task force to look at several issues facing these communities as well as taking a fresh look at current practices and how they are impacting the communities.

In the seventeen years since the last task force was convened, there have been many new communities developed and many new issues reported. This legislation will allow the legislature to assess and examine the myriad issues related to running Common Ownership Communities and so I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 894.