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TESTIMONY ON HB0093 - POSITION: FAVORABLE

**Housing and Community Development – Homeless Shelter Certification Program
– Establishment**

TO: Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Rae Hample

OPENING: My name is Rae Hample, I am a resident of District 43. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB0093 for the establishment of the Housing Shelter Certification Program.

I have assisted in the Red Shed Village transitional housing program that we started in our community garden in the first months of the COVID 19 pandemic. Through that experience I heard the stories of many of my houseless neighbors about how important the shelter system, however flawed, is to creating a safety net for those in need.

By providing safe shelter members of my community were able to then start accessing other needed support networks like drug rehabilitation, more permanent housing, and employment. The first step to any of those transformations was having stable shelter.

Because of this experience and more, **I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0093.**

Sincerely,

Rae Hample