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Senate Bill 58 (Senator Simonaire)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Housing and Community Development - Notice of Proposed Projects

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Community Development Administration (CDA) to provide written notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment to the Senate and House delegations for the county in which a community development or public purpose project is proposed. DHCD must also provide the same notice and opportunity to comment to the delegations regarding a proposed rental housing project.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 229 of 2014 required DHCD's CDA to provide written notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment to the chief executive officer or equivalent officer and the head or president of the legislative body of the political subdivision in which a community development or public purpose project is proposed. Chapter 229 also required DHCD to provide the same notice and reasonable opportunity to comment to the same officers and legislative body head or president regarding a proposed rental housing project.

A project qualifies as a community development project if it meets specified housing, infrastructure, and facilities requirements that promote sound community development. A

project qualifies as a public purpose project if it is undertaken with the financial assistance of CDA or the assistance of federal low-income housing credits authorized by the Internal Revenue Code and is (1) eligible wholly or partly for federal low-income housing credits or (2) in a location designated as a distressed area by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development. A project qualifies as a rental housing project if (1) its purpose is to acquire, construct, or rehabilitate real property or all or part of a building or improvement that will be occupied by households of limited income and (2) a portion of the rental units in the project are set aside for households of lower income for the greater of 15 years or the number of years required by federal law.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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