



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 205

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House Bill No. 5348

House of Representatives, March 30, 2022

The Committee on Housing reported through REP. WILLIAMS of the 100th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNUSED PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Housing, in
2 consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, shall conduct a
3 study of the unused real property owned by the state, excluding any
4 unused real property reserved for conservation or other specific
5 purposes by the state, to determine the suitability of development for
6 such unused properties to improve affordable housing opportunities for
7 residents in the state. Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner
8 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
9 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing containing
11 the findings of such study and any recommended legislation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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HSG *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	60,000 to 375,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Housing (DOH), in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, to conduct a study of the state's unused property to determine if any parcels are suitable for redevelopment into affordable housing, and to report on the results by January 1, 2023. It is anticipated that DOH would contract with one or more third parties for a one-time General Fund cost in FY 23 in the range of \$60,000 to \$375,000, to assist with site evaluation and surveying, as necessary, after a preliminary list of properties is determined by state agencies.¹ The actual cost would depend on the number and nature of the preliminary sites to be evaluated, what is already known about them, and how many sites require new surveying.

The Out Years

There is no fiscal impact in the out years.

Sources: 2021 Report: Inventory of Real Property, OPM
Department of Housing

¹ This estimate assumes the number of parcels on the preliminary list is between 40 and 250, with an average cost per parcel of \$1,500.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable

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