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AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE, ESTABLISHING A HOUSING AUTHORITY RESIDENT QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND A HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER TASK FORCE AND REQUIRING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN NATURAL PERSON OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Department of Housing	GF - Cost	Up to 285,574	Up to 286,463
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	Up to 15,233	Up to 15,614

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Housing (DOH) to establish a housing authority resident quality of life improvement grant program, which results in a total state cost of up to \$300,807 in FY 24 and up to \$302,077 in FY 25, continuing annually, for both grants and staff to administer the program.

The bill requires DOH to award grants totaling up to \$250,000 per year to housing authorities that apply. DOH is anticipated to require up to one part-time housing specialist at a state cost of \$50,807 in FY 24

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

(\$35,574 in salary and \$15,233 in fringe benefits) and \$52,077 in FY 25 (\$36,463 in salary and \$15,614 in fringe benefits) to administer the program. The bill does not appropriate funding for the program.

The bill also establishes a task force to study the implementation of the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) in Connecticut. This has no fiscal impact because PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

Additionally, the bill specifies a reporting requirement for certain housing providers. This has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to changes in employee wage and benefit costs and appropriations for the grant program.