
Housing Committee

HB 1547

Brief Description: Expanding programs eligible for housing assistance grants and loans.

Sponsors: Representatives Miloscia, Sells, Pettigrew, Campbell, Hasegawa, McCoy, Darneille, Chase, Schual-Berke and Kenney.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Preference for Housing Trust Fund grants is extended to applicant projects which include employment and training opportunities in Washington state apprenticeship programs.

Hearing Date: 2/8/05

Staff: Robyn Dupuis (786-7166).

Background:

Current statute outlines a number of criteria which the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED) uses to assign preference to applications under consideration for funding by the Housing Trust Fund.

Among other criteria, preference is given to projects which leverage other funds, provide housing for persons with the lowest incomes, and provide employment and training opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

Summary of Bill:

Criteria for applications to be given preference for funding by the housing trust fund is expanded to include applicant projects that provide employment and training opportunities in Washington state certified apprenticeship programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.