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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Corvese, Azzinaro, Bennett, Casimiro, Alzate,  
Costantino, and Cardillo

Date Introduced: March 07, 2022

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-53 of the General Laws entitled "Low and Moderate Income  
2 Housing" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-53-10. Semi-annual status reports.**

4 (a) The Rhode Island housing corporation established pursuant to chapter 55 of title 42 (the  
5 "corporation") shall maintain accurate records and shall collect data on the number of Section 8  
6 Housing Choice Vouchers, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 1437(f) ("vouchers"), which are received  
7 and utilized by municipalities, and any instrumentalities thereof, including, but not limited to public  
8 housing authorities and agencies.

9 (b) The corporation shall prepare a status report ("reports") on a semi-annual basis to the  
10 general assembly, the housing resources commission, the division of statewide planning, and the  
11 secretary of commerce for housing. Each of these reports shall also be made available on the  
12 corporation's website for a period of at least three (3) years, and shall also be deemed to be a public  
13 record. These status reports shall be due on or before January 1 and July 1 of each year,  
14 commencing in the calendar year 2023.

15 (c) The status reports required by this section shall contain the following for the six (6)  
16 month calendar period covered by the report:

17 (1) The total number of vouchers received and utilized and the amount of fees collected  
18 and payments made in lieu of taxes that were received and utilized by all municipalities and  
19 instrumentalities thereof, and by all public housing agencies in the state;

1           (2) The number of vouchers received and utilized by all municipalities in the state,  
2 including instrumentalities of the municipality and public housing agencies, disaggregated by each  
3 municipality, instrumentality, and as applicable, the public housing agency; and

4           (3) The dollar amount received by public housing agencies ("agencies") received for  
5 administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers programs from the U.S. Department of  
6 Housing and Urban Development, aggregated by the total amounts received by all agencies and  
7 disaggregated by each agency.

8           (d) As used herein, the term "public housing authority and agency" means and includes any  
9 public agency or municipality or instrumentality of a municipality which receives federal funds to  
10 administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers program.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           The act would direct the Rhode Island housing corporation to maintain accurate records  
2 and prepare semi-annual status reports ("reports") to the general assembly, the housing resources  
3 commission, the division of statewide planning, and the secretary of commerce for housing, on  
4 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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