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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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- 1 Amend the Appropriations Committee Report, dated April 26, 2023, page
- 2 16, strike lines 16 through 43.
- 3 Page 17, strike lines 1 through 24, and substitute:
- 4 "29-33-107. Displacement risk assessment and mitigation 5 strategies. (1) (a) No later than December 31, 2024, the executive 6 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS SHALL DEVELOP A 7 DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT, DEVELOP DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION 8 STRATEGIES, AND DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF STRATEGIES THAT MUST BE 9 SELECTED TO GUIDE TIER ONE AND TIER TWO URBAN MUNICIPALITIES AND 10 RURAL RESORT JOB CENTER MUNICIPALITIES IN PREVENTING 11 DISPLACEMENT AS PART OF THE REQUIRED HOUSING NEEDS PLAN 12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-33-105.
 - (b) The displacement assessment, displacement mitigation strategies, and number of displacement mitigation strategies must provide adequate guidance and tools to prevent displacement from areas, communities, or households at high risk for displacement.
 - (2) **Displacement risk assessment.** (a) A DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT MUST CONSIDER:
 - (I) GEOGRAPHY AS DETERMINED BY FEEDBACK GATHERED FROM THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND NOT NECESSARILY BY CENSUS TRACTS;
 - (II) NEIGHBORHOOD-LEVEL EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS THAT CAN HELP MUNICIPALITIES AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES GET AHEAD OF TRENDS AND PREDICTIONS OF FUTURE CHANGE WITH A FOCUS ON DISPLACEMENT DUE TO RISING HOUSING COSTS;
 - (III) BASELINE CENSUS DATA AND THE INCLUSION OF OTHER DATA POINTS THAT ARE UPDATED ON A FREQUENT BASIS;
 - (IV) NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE, WHICH MEANS THE CONSIDERATION OF DATA THAT CAPTURES THE FULL SPECTRUM OF BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ECONOMIC, RACIAL OR ETHNIC, AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA;
- 33 (V) NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, WHICH MEANS CHANGE 34 VIEWED AS POSITIVE, USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY NEW PUBLIC OR PRIVATE 35 INVESTMENT;
- 36 (VI) GENTRIFICATION CHANGES THAT CAPTURE THE 37 TRANSFORMATION OF AREAS HISTORICALLY INHABITED BY MARGINALIZED 38 GROUPS, USUALLY RACIAL OR ETHNIC OR CLASS GROUPS, INTO AREAS USED

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BY THE DOMINANT CLASS OR RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP. THIS TYPE OF CHANGE MAY BE CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASED INVESTMENTS IN AREAS THAT HAVE SEEN LONG-TERM DISINVESTMENT; AND

- (VII) DISPLACEMENT AS DEFINED IN 29-33-102. DISPLACEMENT IS DISTINCT FROM RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY, WHICH INCLUDES VOLUNTARY HOUSEHOLD MOVEMENT.
- (b) A DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FACTORS THAT CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY RISKS FOR DISPLACEMENT AT THE CENSUS TRACT OR OTHER SIMILAR GEOGRAPHIC SCALE, AS DETERMINED BY THE RESIDENTS OF A GIVEN COMMUNITY:
- (I) THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WHO ARE EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME, VERY LOW-INCOME, AND LOW-INCOME AS DEFINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
 - (II) THE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE RENTERS;
 - (III) THE PERCENTAGE OF COST-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS;
- (IV) THE NUMBER OF ADULTS WHO ARE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAVE NOT EARNED AT LEAST A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA;
- (V) THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH THE PRIMARY LANGUAGE THAT IS SPOKEN IS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH;
- (VI) THE PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS WHO WERE BORN OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE STATE AND FEDERAL INFORMATION;
 - (VII) THE EMPLOYMENT RATE;
- (VIII) THE PERCENTAGE OF WORKERS WHO LIVE WITHIN A TEN-MILE RADIUS OF THE URBAN MUNICIPALITY OR TWENTY-MILE RADIUS OF A RURAL RESORT JOB CENTER;
- (IX) THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS;
- (X) EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK AT RISK OF DISPLACING CURRENT RESIDENTS DUE TO MARKET FORCES, REVISED NEIGHBORHOOD ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CHANGES, OR AGING STRUCTURES;
- (XI) INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN THE FOR-SALE MARKET;
- (XII) AN EVALUATION OF INCREASED LAND PRICES, RENTAL PRICES, PROPERTY VALUES, AND OTHER REAL ESTATE AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACTS THAT COULD CREATE A VULNERABILITY TO, OR ELEVATED RISK OF, DISPLACEMENT FOR RESIDENTS CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE AREA OR COMMUNITY;
- 41 (XIII) THE NUMBER OF RENTERS WHO WERE LEGALLY EVICTED FOR 42 NONPAYMENT OF RENT IN THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR, FOR ALL AREAS 43 WHERE THIS INFORMATION IS READILY AVAILABLE;

- (XIV) THE NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESSES, AS MEASURED BY ANNUAL GROSS SALES AMOUNT; AND
- (XV) THE CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES OVER FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO ASSESSMENT.
- (c) The displacement risk assessment must be developed in a manner that allows for municipalities to conduct an initial displacement risk assessment, necessary subsequent displacement risk assessments, and displacement risk assessments of specific projects to determine the project's displacement risk.
- (3) **Displacement mitigation strategies.** (a) The goal of displacement mitigation strategies is to ensure that:
- (I) VULNERABLE HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS IN GENTRIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS ARE NOT DISPLACED FROM THEIR CURRENT HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS;
- (II) THE EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING STOCK, BOTH SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED, IN GENTRIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS IS PRESERVED SO THAT DWELLING UNITS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION WHILE REMAINING AFFORDABLE TO LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS;
- (III) CITY PLANNING AND LAND USE DECISIONS INCORPORATE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION STRATEGIES, AND LOW-INCOME PERSONS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE EMPOWERED TO PARTICIPATE EARLY AND MEANINGFULLY IN LAND USE DECISIONS THAT SHAPE THEIR HOMES, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COMMUNITIES;
- (IV) NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS ARE CREATED TO SERVE CURRENT AND FUTURE VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS IN GENTRIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS;
- (V) VULNERABLE RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO REMAIN IN OR RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITIES BY ACCESSING THE NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS; AND
- (VI) AN EQUAL OR GREATER AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS PROVIDED IN AREAS IDENTIFIED AS AT-RISK OF DISPLACEMENT BASED ON THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT, THIS IS A CENTRAL TENANT OF THE DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION STRATEGIES.
- (b) Each of the displacement mitigation strategies must be able to be incorporated by tier one and two municipalities and rural resort job center municipalities into the municipality's housing needs plan as required by section 29-33-105. These displacement mitigation strategies must include:
- (I) GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL INCORPORATE THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION;
 - (II) LONG-TERM DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION MEASURES FROM

WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST CHOOSE TO ADDRESS AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDING:

- (A) DEVELOPING A PROGRAM TO OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS;
- (B) LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING FOR ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATING OF NATURALLY OCCURRING AFFORDABLE RENTALS, EITHER TO ENTER INTO LAND TRUST OR TO INCLUDE AFFORDABILITY DEED RESTRICTIONS;
- (C) IMPLEMENTING LOCAL RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL FOR EXPIRING REGULATED AFFORDABLE UNITS, PRIORITIZE LOCAL FUNDS TOWARD AFFORDABLE UNIT RECAPTURE AND IMPLEMENTING OR CONTINUING DEED RESTRICTED AFFORDABILITY; AND
- (D) PROVIDING HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR LONGTIME HOMEOWNERS IN NEIGHBORHOODS IDENTIFIED AS VULNERABLE TO DISPLACEMENT AND FOR LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME HOMEOWNERS WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF LARGE MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENTS.
- (III) REQUIRING MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPERS WHO BUILD DEVELOPEMNTS IN AREAS AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT, AS IDENTIFIED BY THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT, TO CREATE A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH AFFECTED POPULATIONS WITHIN ONE-QUARTER MILE OF THE DEVELOPMENT;
- (IV) PROVIDING A PRIORITIZATION POLICY FOR CURRENT RESIDENTS IN THIRTY PERCENT OF ANY NEW MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF WHEN UNITS ARE LEASED AFTER CONSTRUCTION IN A MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT;
- (V) REQUIRING GREATER AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING IN AREAS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AS AT-RISK OF DISPLACEMENT PURSUANT TO THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION:
- (A) IN AREAS WITH SINGLE FAMILY ZONING, ONE IN THREE UNITS IN ANY TRIPLEX MUST BE AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE WITH INCOMES AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD AREA MEDIAN INCOME; AND
- (B) In areas zoned for use by single family dwellings that are rezoned for multifamily units with three to four units, fifty percent of the units must be affordable to people with incomes at or below one hundred percent of the local neighborhood area median income.
- (VI) SHORT-TERM DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION MEASURES FROM WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL CHOOSE INCLUDING:
 - (A) THE CREATION OF A LOCALLY FUNDED AND ADMINISTERED

RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

- (B) THE CREATION OF AN EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE NO-COST LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROGRAM;
- (C) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING COUNSELING AND NAVIGATION PROGRAM; AND
- (D) THE CREATION OF A PROPERTY TAX AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
- (c) Municipalities shall adopt a minimum number of short-term and long-term displacement mitigation strategies.
- (I) THE NUMBER OF SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM EVIDENCE-BASED DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION STRATEGIES THAT AN URBAN OR RURAL RESORT JOB CENTER MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT IS DETERMINED BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION FOUND TO BE VULNERABLE TO DISPLACEMENT ACCORDING TO THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT.
- (II) THE STRATEGIES A MUNICIPALITY SELECTS MUST BE EVIDENCED-BASED AND PROVIDE SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND A NARRATIVE TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THE STRATEGIES WILL MITIGATE DISPLACEMENT AS IDENTIFIED IN THE DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT.
- (d) An urban and rural resort job center municipality shall provide a narrative and evidence for how each displacement mitigation strategy it adopts corresponds to the neighborhood median income of displacement-vulnerable areas as determined by the displacement risk assessment.
- (4) Assessment and strategies. No later than December 31, 2024, and every five years thereafter, in accordance with the Guidance for creating a displacement risk assessment and the selection of displacement mitigation strategies, every tier one and two urban municipality and rural resort job center municipality shall develop, adopt, and submit a displacement risk assessment and a description of the evidence-based displacement mitigation strategies it selected to the department of local affairs as part of a housing needs plan required under 29-33-105. The department of local affairs shall post the submitted plans publicly on its website.
- (5) **Public comment.** Before adopting and submitting a final displacement risk assessment and making a final selection of evidence-based displacement mitigation strategies, a tier one or tier two? Urban municipality and a rural resort job center municipality shall publish the most recent draft of its displacement risk assessment and the evidence-based displacement mitigation strategies it selected and engage in a public comment process. That public comment process must

INCLUDE:

(a) Providing public notice and holding at least two public hearings at which members of the public have an opportunity to comment;

- (b) ALLOWING SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS;
- (c) CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO AND SOLICITING FEEDBACK FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT ARE MOST AT-RISK OF DISPLACEMENT;
- (d) Consulting with experts in disability rights, homelessness prevention, affordable housing, and tenant rights;
- (e) CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO COMMUNITIES AT RISK OF DISPLACEMENT; AND
- (f) AN ENCOURAGEMENT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS, ENSURING ACCESSIBILITY TO THE COMMENT AND HEARING PROCESS BY PROVIDING TRANSLATIONS OF THE DRAFT AND FINAL DISPLACEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT, EVIDENCE-BASED DISPLACEMENT MITIGATION STRATEGIES, OR OTHER RELATED MATERIALS AND BY PROVIDING INTERPRETATION IN LANGUAGES PREDOMINANTLY SPOKEN IN EACH COMMUNITY FOR HEARINGS AND OUTREACH.
- (6) **Prior displacement efforts.** By January 1, 2025, tier one and two urban municipalities and rural resort job center municipalities may submit evidence-based mitigation strategies linked to displacement risk assessments and the impact of the measures that the municipality adopted prior to the effective date of this section to the department of local affairs. No later than December 25, 2025, the department may determine whether those strategies qualify as a displacement mitigation long-term or short-term measure to go towards satisfying the number of measures that must be adopted for pursuant to subsection (3)(c)(1) of this section.
- (7) **Technical assistance.** The department of local affairs shall provide technical assistance and funding to support tier one and two urban municipalities and rural resort job center municipalities in conducting a displacement assessment and in identifying displacement mitigation strategies to address the risk of displacement in the areas at the highest risk of displacement.".

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