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Affordable Housing Funding

\$2 Billion Bond for Supportive Housing. Funds construction and rehabilitation of supportive housing for homeless individuals with mental illness via a \$2 billion bond backed by Proposition 63 (2004) revenues.

Senate. Approved.
Assembly. Approved.

Assembly Affordable Housing Package. \$650 million for various affordable housing programs, including construction of rental housing for low-income families, supportive housing for homeless individuals, local grants for workforce housing, home buyer assistance, and farmworker housing.

Senate. No action.
Assembly. Approved \$650 million.

Temporary Housing Assistance for Homeless Individuals. \$50 million annually for four years for temporary housing assistance for homeless individuals.

Senate. Approved \$50 million.
Assembly. No action.

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Housing Policy Changes

By-Right Approval of Multifamily Housing. Changes state law to streamline the local approval of certain multifamily housing projects that contain affordable housing units.

Senate. No action.

Assembly. Approved placeholder trailer bill.

Down Payment Assistance Programs. Combines remaining funding from multiple down payment assistance programs into the MyHOME Program to help provide down payment assistance to low- and moderate-income families.

Senate. No action. Raised concern about shift in focus of these programs from first-time home buyers to low- and moderate-income home buyers.

Assembly. Approved placeholder trailer bill.

Sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Permits the sale of state low-income housing tax credits under specified conditions.

Senate. Approved.

Assembly. No action.

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- Considerations for Assembly Affordable Housing Package.*** We suggest the Legislature consider (1) how this funding might best complement the \$2 billion bond for supportive housing and (2) whether funding should be targeted at particular high-need populations.

- By-Right Approval Warrants Serious Consideration.*** This proposal could be an important first step toward addressing California's housing shortage. It warrants serious consideration from the Legislature, either during the budget process or in policy committees. We recommend the Legislature consider expanding eligibility for streamlining to facilitate more new housing construction.

- LAO Compromise on Down Payment Assistance Changes.*** We recommend a compromise which amends the proposed language to give priority to low- and moderate-income households that are first-time home buyers.

- Approve Changes Permitting the Sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.*** We recommend the Senate's action as it would reduce the amount of federal taxes recipients of the credit are required to pay, thereby freeing up additional funding to be spent on building affordable housing.