

130th Legislature: Housing and Homelessness Continuum

Meeting the need across the homelessness and housing continuum in Maine.

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Homelessness & Housing Continuum – Legislative Items (January Update)

Long Term Homeless

- LR 462 - FUSE Act

Emergency Shelter

- LR 1094: Emergency Shelter Funding
- LR 1096 – Shelter Bond
- LR 1830 – Youth Shelters
- LR 1419 - Improving Housing Access under GA

Homeless Prevention

- LR 873 - Eviction Mediation Program
- LR 1904 – Unnecessary Evictions (No Cause)

Rental Assistance

- LR 18420- Eviction Court Record Privacy
- LR 1882 Source of Income Discrimination
- LR 1419 - Improving Housing Access under GA
- LR 1421 – Maine Rental Assistance Program

Housing Production

- LR 1312; LR 1448 – Efficient Affordable Housing Bonds
- LR 272 – Housing for Persons who are Homeless

Zoning

- LR 354 - Zoning Commission
- LR 1645 – Community Choice Housing

**Not a complete listing of bills related to housing and homelessness submitted this session and instead is a sample of the range of issues addressed this legislative session.

Brief Summary of Bills

- Long Term Homeless
 - LR 562 – FUSE – Requires collaboration between providers, state departments and Maine Housing on resources for those experiencing long term homelessness.
- Emergency Shelter
 - LR 1094 – Emergency Shelter Funding Bill – Carry over from last session providing for \$3,000,000 in shelter funding.
 - LR 1096 – Emergency Shelter Bond – would provide funding for construction of or capital improvements to Maine’s Emergency Shelters
 - LR 1419 – Improving Housing Access Under General Assistance (GA) – Streamlines the process for shelters to bill GA for shelter benefits.

Brief Summary of Bills (continued)

- Homeless Prevention

- LR 873 – Eviction Mediation Program – Establishes a court eviction mediation program and makes permanent the court eviction process currently in place under Covid-19
- LR 1904 – Unnecessary Evictions – Restricts the use of 30-day no cause evictions for tenants-at-will.
- LR 18420 – Eviction Record Privacy – Protects renters from the improper use of court filings against them in applications to housing.

- Rental Assistance

- LR 1882 – Prohibits discrimination against individuals based on their source of rent income for rent – including housing choice voucher assistance.
- LR 1419 – Improving Housing Access Under General Assistance (GA) – In addition to shelter language (previous slide), the bill makes rental assistance under GA more akin to a short-term voucher.

Brief Summary of Bills (continued)

- Housing Production

- LR 1312; LR 1448 – Efficient Affordable Housing Bonds– Raises funds for the increased creation of efficient, affordable housing.
- LR 272 – Housing for Person who are Homeless – waiting for bill language for more detail.

- Zoning

- LR 354 – Zoning Commission – Carryover from last session, would create a zoning commission to look at local zoning barriers to affordable housing production.