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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1335**

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An act to add Section 27388.1 to the Government Code, and to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 50470) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1335, as amended, Atkins. Building Homes and Jobs Act.

Under existing law, there are programs providing assistance for, among other things, emergency housing, multifamily housing, farmworker housing, ~~home ownership~~ *homeownership* for very low and low-income households, and downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers. Existing law also authorizes the issuance of bonds in specified amounts pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Existing law requires that proceeds from the sale of these bonds be used

to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks.

This bill would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to the need for establishing permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. The bill would impose a fee, except as provided, of \$75 to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, per each single transaction per single parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225. By imposing new duties on counties with respect to the imposition of the recording fee, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would require that revenues from this fee, after deduction of any actual and necessary administrative costs incurred by the county recorder, be sent quarterly to the Department of Housing and Community Development for deposit in the Building Homes and Jobs Fund, which the bill would create within the State Treasury. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require that 20% of the moneys in the fund be expended for affordable owner-occupied workforce ~~housing~~ *housing*, 10% of the moneys for housing purposes related to agricultural workers and their families, and would authorize the remainder of the moneys in the fund to be expended to support affordable housing, ~~home ownership~~ *homeownership* opportunities, and other housing-related programs, ~~and administrative costs~~, as specified. The bill would impose certain auditing and reporting requirements and would establish the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund Governing Board that would, among other things, review and approve recommendations made by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the distribution of moneys from the fund.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create the Secretary of Housing within state government to oversee all activities related to housing in the state.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Building Homes  
2 and Jobs Act.

3 SEC. 2. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that having a  
4 healthy housing market that provides an adequate supply of homes  
5 affordable to Californians at all income levels is critical to the  
6 economic prosperity and quality of life in the state.

7 (b) The Legislature further finds and declares all of the  
8 following:

9 (1) Funding approved by the state's voters in 2002 and 2006,  
10 as of June 2014, has financed the construction, rehabilitation, and  
11 preservation of over 14,000 shelter spaces and 149,000 affordable  
12 homes. These numbers include thousands of supportive homes for  
13 people experiencing homelessness. In addition, these funds have  
14 helped tens of thousands of families become or remain  
15 homeowners. Nearly all of the voter-approved funding for  
16 affordable housing was awarded by the beginning of 2015.

17 (2) The requirement in the Community Redevelopment Law  
18 that redevelopment agencies set aside 20 percent of tax increment  
19 for affordable housing generated roughly \$1 billion per year. With  
20 the elimination of redevelopment agencies, this funding stream  
21 has disappeared.

22 (3) In 2014, the Legislature committed 10 percent of ongoing  
23 cap-and-trade funds for affordable housing that reduces greenhouse  
24 gas emissions and dedicated \$100 million in one-time funding for  
25 affordable multifamily and permanent supportive housing. In  
26 addition, the people of California thoughtfully approved the  
27 repurposing of \$600 million in already committed bond funds for  
28 the creation of affordable rental and permanent supportive housing  
29 for veterans through the passage of Proposition 41.

30 (4) Despite these investments, the need in the state of California  
31 greatly exceeds the available resources, considering 36.2 percent  
32 of mortgaged homeowners and 47.7 percent of all renters are  
33 spending more than 35 percent of their household incomes on  
34 housing.

1 (5) California has 12 percent of the United States population,  
2 but 20 percent of its homeless population. California has the highest  
3 percentage of unsheltered homeless in the nation, with 63 percent  
4 of homeless Californians not having shelter. California has 24  
5 percent of the nation's homeless veterans population and one-third  
6 of the nations' chronically homeless population. California also  
7 has the largest populations of unaccompanied homeless children  
8 and youth, with 30 percent of the national total.

9 (6) Furthermore, four of the top 10 metropolitan areas in the  
10 country with the highest rate of homelessness are in the following  
11 metropolitan areas in California: San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara,  
12 Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Fresno, and Stockton.

13 (7) California continues to have the second lowest  
14 homeownership rate in the nation, and the Los Angeles  
15 metropolitan area is now a majority renter area. In fact, five of the  
16 eight lowest homeownership rates are in metropolitan areas in  
17 California.

18 (8) Los Angeles and Orange Counties have been identified as  
19 the epicenter of overcrowded housing, and numerous studies have  
20 shown that children in crowded homes have poorer health, worse  
21 scores on mathematics and reading tests, and higher rates of  
22 depression and behavioral problems—even when poverty is taken  
23 into account.

24 (9) Millions of Californians are affected by the state's chronic  
25 housing shortage, including seniors, veterans, people experiencing  
26 chronic homelessness, working families, people with mental,  
27 physical, or developmental disabilities, agricultural workers, people  
28 exiting jails, prisons, and other state institutions, survivors of  
29 domestic violence, and former foster and transition-aged youth.

30 (10) Eight of the top 10 hardest hit cities by the foreclosure  
31 crisis in the nation were in California. They include the Cities of  
32 Stockton, Modesto, Vallejo, Riverside, San Bernardino, Merced,  
33 Bakersfield, and Sacramento.

34 (11) California's workforce continues to experience longer  
35 commute times as persons in the workforce seek affordable housing  
36 outside the areas in which they work. If California is unable to  
37 support the construction of affordable housing in these areas,  
38 congestion problems will strain the state's transportation system  
39 and exacerbate greenhouse gas emissions.

1 (12) Many economists agree that the state's higher than average  
2 unemployment rate is due in large part to massive shrinkage in the  
3 construction industry from 2005 to 2009, including losses of nearly  
4 700,000 construction-related jobs, a 60-percent decline in  
5 construction spending, and an 83-percent reduction in residential  
6 permits. Restoration of a healthy construction sector will  
7 significantly reduce the state's unemployment rate.

8 (13) The lack of sufficient housing impedes economic growth  
9 and development by making it difficult for California employers  
10 to attract and retain employees.

11 (14) To keep pace with continuing demand, the state should  
12 identify and establish a permanent, ongoing source or sources of  
13 funding dedicated to affordable housing development. Without a  
14 reliable source of funding for housing affordable to the state's  
15 workforce and most vulnerable residents, the state and its local  
16 and private housing development partners will not be able to  
17 continue increasing the supply of housing after existing housing  
18 bond resources are depleted.

19 (15) The investment will leverage billions of dollars in private  
20 investment, lessen demands on law enforcement and dwindling  
21 health care resources as fewer people are forced to live on the  
22 streets or in dangerous substandard buildings, and increase  
23 businesses' ability to attract and retain skilled workers.

24 (16) In order to promote housing and homeownership  
25 opportunities, the recording fee imposed by this act shall not be  
26 applied to any recording made in connection with a sale of real  
27 property. Purchasing a home is likely the largest purchase made  
28 by Californians, and it is the intent of this act to not increase  
29 transaction costs associated with these transfers.

30 SEC. 3. Section 27388.1 is added to the Government Code, to  
31 read:

32 27388.1. (a) (1) Commencing January 1, 2016, and except as  
33 provided in paragraph (2), in addition to any other recording fees  
34 specified in this code, a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75) shall be  
35 paid at the time of recording of every real estate instrument, paper,  
36 or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded, except those  
37 expressly exempted from payment of recording fees, per each  
38 single transaction per parcel of real property. The fee imposed by  
39 this section shall not exceed two hundred twenty-five dollars  
40 (\$225). "Real estate instrument, paper, or notice" means a

1 document relating to real property, including, but not limited to,  
 2 the following: deed, grant deed, trustee’s deed, deed of trust,  
 3 reconveyance, quit claim deed, fictitious deed of trust, assignment  
 4 of deed of trust, request for notice of default, abstract of judgment,  
 5 subordination agreement, declaration of homestead, abandonment  
 6 of homestead, notice of default, release or discharge, easement,  
 7 notice of trustee sale, notice of completion, UCC financing  
 8 statement, mechanic’s lien, maps, and covenants, conditions, and  
 9 restrictions.

10 (2) The fee described in paragraph (1) shall not be imposed on  
 11 any real estate instrument, paper, or notice recorded in connection  
 12 with a transfer subject to the imposition of a documentary transfer  
 13 tax as defined in Section 11911 of the Revenue and Taxation Code  
 14 or on any real estate instrument, paper, or notice recorded in  
 15 connection with a transfer of real property that is a residential  
 16 dwelling to an owner-occupier.

17 (b) The fees, after deduction of any actual and necessary  
 18 administrative costs incurred by the county recorder in carrying  
 19 out this section, shall be remitted quarterly, on or before the last  
 20 day of the month next succeeding each calendar quarterly period,  
 21 to the Department of Housing and Community Development for  
 22 deposit in the California Homes and Jobs Trust Fund established  
 23 by Section 50470 of the Health and Safety Code, to be expended  
 24 for the purposes set forth in that section. In addition, the county  
 25 shall pay to the Department of Housing and Community  
 26 Development interest, at the legal rate, on any funds not paid to  
 27 the Controller before the last day of the month next succeeding  
 28 each quarterly period.

29 SEC. 4. Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 50470) is added  
 30 to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

31  
 32 CHAPTER 2.5. BUILDING HOMES AND JOBS ACT

33  
 34 Article 1. General Provisions

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 36 50470. (a) (1) There is hereby created in the State Treasury  
 37 the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund. All interest or other  
 38 increments resulting from the investment of moneys in the fund  
 39 shall be deposited in the fund, notwithstanding Section 16305.7  
 40 of the Government Code.

1 (2) Moneys in the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund shall  
2 not be subject to transfer to any other fund pursuant to any  
3 provision of Part 2 (commencing with Section 16300) of Division  
4 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code, except to the Surplus Money  
5 Investment Fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature:

6 (A) Twenty percent of moneys in the fund shall be expended  
7 for affordable owner-occupied workforce housing.

8 (B) *Ten percent of the moneys in the fund shall be expended to*  
9 *address affordable homeownership and rental housing*  
10 *opportunities for agricultural workers and their families.*

11 ~~(B)~~

12 (C) The remainder of the moneys in the fund may be expended  
13 for the following purposes:

14 (i) The development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation  
15 of rental housing that is affordable to extremely low, very low,  
16 low-, and moderate-income households, including necessary  
17 operating subsidies.

18 (ii) Affordable rental and ownership housing that meets the  
19 needs of a growing workforce up to 120 percent of area median  
20 income.

21 (iii) Matching portions of funds placed into local or regional  
22 housing trust funds.

23 (iv) Matching portions of funds available through the Low and  
24 Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund pursuant to subdivision (d)  
25 of Section 34176 of the Health and Safety Code.

26 (v) Capitalized reserves for services connected to the creation  
27 of new permanent supportive housing, including, but not limited  
28 to, developments funded through the Veterans Housing and  
29 Homelessness Prevention Program.

30 (vi) Emergency shelters, transitional housing, and rapid  
31 rehousing.

32 (vii) Accessibility modifications.

33 (viii) Efforts to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed or vacant  
34 homes.

35 ~~(xi)~~

36 (ix) Homeownership opportunities, including, but not limited  
37 to, down payment assistance.

38 ~~(xii) To the department for the administration of housing~~  
39 ~~programs that receive an appropriation from the fund. Moneys~~

1 ~~expended for this purpose shall not exceed 5 percent of the moneys~~  
2 ~~in the fund.~~

3 *(3) A state or local entity that receives an appropriation or*  
4 *allocation pursuant to this chapter shall use no more than 5 percent*  
5 *of that appropriation or allocation for costs related to the*  
6 *administration of the housing program for which the appropriation*  
7 *or allocation was made.*

8 (b) Both of the following shall be paid and deposited in the  
9 fund:

10 (1) Any moneys appropriated and made available by the  
11 Legislature for purposes of the fund.

12 (2) Any other moneys that may be made available to the  
13 department for the purposes of the fund from any other source or  
14 sources.

15 *(c) If a local government does not expend the moneys allocated*  
16 *to it, pursuant to this chapter, within five years of that allocation,*  
17 *those moneys shall revert to and be paid and deposited in, the*  
18 *fund.*

19 50470.5. For purposes of this chapter:

20 (a) “Department” means the Department of Housing and  
21 Community Development.

22 (b) “Governing Board” means the Building Homes and Jobs  
23 Trust Fund Governing Board.

24 50470.7. (a) The Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund  
25 Governing Board is hereby established. The governing board shall  
26 include one representative from the department, one representative  
27 from the California Housing Finance Agency, and one  
28 representative from the Office of the Treasurer. The governing  
29 board shall consist also include no fewer than two real estate  
30 licensees, one from northern California and one from southern  
31 California, each with not less than 10 years of real estate experience  
32 and membership in a real estate trade organization with not less  
33 than 20,000 licensees. The governing board shall include a local  
34 government official from northern and southern California, and a  
35 representative from the northern and southern California home  
36 building industry, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

37 (b) (1) The governing board also shall include six public  
38 members. Two of the public members must be representative of  
39 nonprofit affordable housing development, one appointed by the  
40 Speaker of the Assembly and one appointed by the President pro

1 Tempore of the Senate. Two of the public members must be  
2 representative of for-profit affordable housing development, one  
3 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one appointed by  
4 the President pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the  
5 Assembly and the President pro Tempore of the Senate shall each  
6 appoint one additional public member who shall be representative  
7 of, or have experience in, one or more of the following areas:

8 (A) Private sector lending.

9 (B) For-profit affordable housing development.

10 (C) Nonprofit affordable housing development.

11 (D) Working with special needs populations, including persons  
12 experiencing homelessness.

13 (E) Architecture.

14 (F) Housing development consultation.

15 (G) Housing issues related academia.

16 (2) Overall public membership shall contribute to a balance  
17 among geographic areas and between rural and urban interests.

18 50471. (a) In order to maximize efficiency and address  
19 comprehensive needs, the department, in consultation with the  
20 California Housing Finance Agency, the California Tax Credit  
21 Allocation Committee, and the California Debt Limit Allocation  
22 Committee, shall develop and submit to the Legislature, at the time  
23 of the Department of Finance's adjustments to the proposed  
24 2015–16 fiscal year budget pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section  
25 13308 of the Government Code, the Building Homes and Jobs  
26 Investment Strategy. Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the  
27 Government Code, commencing with the 2020–21 fiscal year, and  
28 every five years thereafter, concurrent with the release of the  
29 Governor's proposed budget, the department shall update the  
30 investment strategy and submit it to the Legislature. The governing  
31 board shall review and advise the department regarding the  
32 investment strategy prior to its submission to the Legislature. The  
33 investment strategy shall do all of the following:

34 (1) Identify the statewide needs, goals, objectives, and outcomes  
35 for housing for a five-year time period. Goals should include targets  
36 of the total number of affordable homes created and preserved  
37 with the funds.

38 (2) ~~Promote~~—(A) *Provide for* a geographically balanced  
39 distribution of ~~funds funds~~, including ~~consideration of~~ a 50 percent  
40 direct allocation of funds to local governments.

1 (B) In order to receive an allocation a local government shall:

2 (1) Submit a plan to the department detailing how allocated  
3 funds will be used by the local government in manner consistent  
4 with paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 50470.

5 (2) Have a compliant housing element with the state, submit  
6 annual reports pursuant to Section 65400 of the Government Code,  
7 and submit an annual report to the department that provides  
8 ongoing tracking of the uses and expenditures of any allocated  
9 funds.

10 (3) Emphasize investments that serve households that are at or  
11 below 60 percent of area median income.

12 (4) Meet the following minimum objectives:

13 (A) Encourage economic development and job creation by  
14 helping to meet the housing needs of a growing workforce up to  
15 120 percent of area median income.

16 (B) Identify opportunities for coordination among state  
17 departments and agencies to achieve greater efficiencies, increase  
18 the amount of federal investment in production, services, and  
19 operating costs of housing, and promote energy efficiency in  
20 housing produced.

21 (C) Incentivize the use and coordination of nontraditional  
22 funding sources including philanthropic funds, local realignment  
23 funds, nonhousing tax increment, the federal Patient Protection  
24 and Affordable Care Act, and other resources.

25 (D) Incentivize innovative approaches that produce cost savings  
26 to local and state services by reducing the instability of housing  
27 for frequent, high-cost users of hospitals, jails, detoxification  
28 facilities, psychiatric hospitals, and emergency shelters.

29 (b) Before submitting the Building Homes and Jobs Investment  
30 Strategy to the Legislature, the department shall hold at least four  
31 public workshops in different regions of the state to further inform  
32 the development of the investment strategy.

33 (c) Expenditure requests contained in the Governor's proposed  
34 budget shall be consistent with the Building Homes and Jobs  
35 Investment Strategy developed and submitted pursuant to this part.  
36 Moneys in the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund shall be  
37 appropriated through the annual Budget Act.

38 (d) The Building Homes and Jobs Investment Strategy and  
39 updates required by this section shall be submitted pursuant to  
40 Section 9795 of the Government Code.

1 (e) The governing board shall have the authority to review and  
2 approve department recommendations for all funds distributed  
3 from the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund.

4  
5 Article 2. Audits and Reporting  
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7 50475. The California State Auditor's Office shall conduct  
8 periodic audits to ensure that the annual allocation to individual  
9 programs is awarded by the department in a timely fashion  
10 consistent with the requirements of this chapter. The first audit  
11 shall be conducted no later than 24 months from the effective date  
12 of this section.

13 50476. (a) In its annual report to the Legislature pursuant to  
14 Section 50408, the department shall report how funds that were  
15 made available pursuant to this chapter and allocated in the prior  
16 year were expended, including efforts to promote a geographically  
17 balanced distribution of funds. The report shall also assess the  
18 impact of the investment on job creation and the economy. With  
19 respect to any awards made specifically to house or support persons  
20 who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, the report shall  
21 include an analysis of the effectiveness of the funding in allowing  
22 these households to retain permanent housing. The department  
23 shall make the report available to the public on its Internet Web  
24 site.

25 (b) (1) In the report, the department shall make a determination  
26 of whether any of the moneys derived from fees collected pursuant  
27 to Section 27388.1 of the Government Code are being allocated  
28 by the state for any purpose not authorized by Section 50470 and  
29 shall share the information with the county recorders.

30 (2) If the department determines that any moneys derived from  
31 fees collected pursuant to Section 27388.1 of the Government  
32 Code are being allocated by the state for a purpose not authorized  
33 by Section 50470, the county recorders shall, upon notice of the  
34 determination, immediately cease collection of the fees imposed  
35 by Section 27388.1 of the Government Code, and shall resume  
36 collection of those fees only upon notice that the moneys derived  
37 from fees collected pursuant to Section 23788.1 of the Government  
38 Code are being allocated by the state only for a purpose authorized  
39 by Section 50470.

1 SEC. 5. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the housing  
2 market plays a critical role in the functioning of the California  
3 economy.

4 (b) The Legislature further finds and declares all of the  
5 following:

6 (1) The need for housing is something every Californian  
7 encounters.

8 (2) Adequate and stable housing is a crucial component of all  
9 Californians' quality of life.

10 (3) The expenditure for housing is one of the largest expenses  
11 all Californians undertake in their day-to-day lives.

12 (4) Housing and housing-related activities are of such significant  
13 importance to the state that it warrants a clear and unified voice  
14 in state government.

15 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that  
16 would create a Secretary of Housing within state government to  
17 oversee all activities related to housing in the state. In creating this  
18 position, it is the intent of the Legislature that all professional  
19 entities that play a role in the housing market would be authorized  
20 to be incorporated in order to have a clearer and more unified  
21 approach to housing in California.

22 SEC. 6. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
23 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
24 a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service  
25 charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or  
26 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section  
27 17556 of the Government Code.

28 SEC. 7. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
29 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within  
30 the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into  
31 immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

32 In order to provide affordable housing opportunities at the earliest  
33 possible time, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.