

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1731

**Introduced by Committee on Housing and Community
Development (Lowenthal (Chair), Cogdill, Dutra, Kehoe,
Mullin, Runner, Salinas, and Steinberg)**

March 5, 2003

An act to amend Sections 50451, 50452, and 50453 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1731, as introduced, Committee on Housing and Community Development. California Statewide Housing Plan.

Existing law requires the California Statewide Housing Plan to specify housing goals for the current and the next 4 fiscal years, according to prescribed criteria, including reducing the number of households that have to pay more than 25% of their gross income for housing, and requires the department to biennially update the plan and provide the revision to the Legislature. The plan is required to provide a database for local housing market studies and serve as a guide for local housing elements.

This bill would revise those criteria to include reducing the number of households that have to pay more than 30% of their gross income for housing. The bill would require the plan to be updated not less than every 5 years and would delete a requirement that certain information relating to housing goals be included in the revision. The bill would delete the provision relating to a database and require the plan to provide a reference guide for local housing market studies and local housing elements, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 50451 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 50451. The California Statewide Housing Plan shall
4 incorporate a statement of housing goals, policies, and objectives,
5 as well as all of the following segments:
6 (a) An evaluation and summary of housing conditions
7 throughout the state, with particular emphasis upon the
8 availability of housing for all economic segments of the state. The
9 evaluation shall include summary statistics for all counties, all
10 multicounty metropolitan areas, and rural areas, as defined and
11 designated by the Bureau of the Census of the United States
12 Department of Commerce, rather than as defined in Section
13 50101. The evaluation shall include the existing distribution of
14 housing by type, size, gross rent, value, and, to the extent data is
15 available, condition, and the existing distribution of households by
16 gross income, size, and ethnic character for each of those areas.
17 (b) ~~Housing~~ *The statewide need for housing development*
18 ~~goals for the fiscal year the plan is revised and projected four~~
19 ~~additional fiscal years ahead. The goals shall be established as the~~
20 ~~minimum number of units necessary to be built or rehabilitated by~~
21 ~~the fourth subsequent fiscal year, in order to provide sufficient~~
22 ~~housing to house all residents of the state in standard, uncrowded~~
23 ~~units in suitable locations.~~
24 (c) Goals for the provision of housing assistance for the fiscal
25 year the plan is revised and projected four additional fiscal years
26 ahead. The goals shall be established as the minimum number of
27 households to be assisted which will result in achieving, by the
28 fourth subsequent fiscal year, a substantial reduction in the number
29 of very low income households and other persons and families of
30 low or moderate income constrained to pay more than ~~25~~ 30
31 percent of their gross income for housing. Income groups to be
32 considered in establishing the goals shall be designated by the
33 department and shall include households a significant number of
34 which are required to pay more than ~~25~~ 30 percent of their gross



1 income for housing in the fiscal year the plan is revised, as
2 determined by the department.

3 (d) An identification of governmental and nongovernmental
4 constraints and obstacles and specific recommendations for their
5 removal.

6 (e) An analysis of state and local housing and building codes
7 and their enforcement. The analysis shall include consideration of
8 whether those codes contain sufficient flexibility to respond to
9 new methods of construction and new materials.

10 (f) Recommendations for actions by federal, state, and local
11 governments and the private sector that will contribute to the
12 attainment of the housing goals established for California.

13 (g) A housing strategy that coordinates the housing assistance
14 and activities of state and local agencies, including the provision
15 of housing assistance for various population groups such as elderly
16 persons, persons with disabilities, large families, families where a
17 female is the head of the household, farmworker households, and
18 other specific population groups as deemed appropriate by the
19 department. To inform the strategy, the department shall, to the
20 extent possible, do the following:

21 (1) Consider information compiled by the University of
22 California pursuant to Section 9101.5 of the Welfare and
23 Institutions Code, and from provider and consumer organizations
24 as available.

25 (2) Consult with various state departments, including the
26 California Department of Aging, the State Department of Social
27 Services, the State Department of Health Services, the State
28 Department of Mental Health, the Employment Development
29 Department, the State Department of Developmental Services,
30 and other state departments or agencies to obtain information
31 deemed relevant to the housing needs of populations addressed in
32 the housing strategy. This paragraph shall not be construed to
33 require activity beyond the customary scope of the department's
34 planning process.

35 SEC. 2. Section 50452 of the Health and Safety Code is
36 amended to read:

37 50452. (a) The department shall ~~biennially~~ *periodically, as*
38 *new census or other survey data become available, but no less than*
39 *every five years*, update and provide a revision of the California



1 Statewide Housing Plan to the Legislature. ~~The revisions shall~~
2 ~~contain all of the following segments:~~

3 ~~(a) A comparison of the housing construction goals for the~~
4 ~~preceding two fiscal years with the amount of building permits~~
5 ~~issued and mobilehome units sold in those fiscal years.~~

6 ~~(b) A revision of the minimum housing construction and~~
7 ~~rehabilitation goals specified in subdivision (b) of Section 50451~~
8 ~~for the current year and projected four additional fiscal years~~
9 ~~ahead.~~

10 ~~(c) A revision of the housing assistance goals specified in~~
11 ~~subdivision (c) of Section 50451 for the current year and projected~~
12 ~~four additional fiscal years ahead.~~

13 ~~(d) A revision of the evaluation required by subdivision (a) of~~
14 ~~Section 50451 as new census or other survey data become~~
15 ~~available. The~~

16 ~~(b) The revision shall contain an evaluation and summary of~~
17 ~~housing conditions throughout the state and may highlight data for~~
18 ~~multicounty or regional areas, as determined by the department.~~
19 ~~The revision shall include a discussion of the housing needs of~~
20 ~~various population groups such as elderly persons, disabled~~
21 ~~persons, large families, families where a female is the head of the~~
22 ~~household, and farmworker households.~~

23 ~~(e)~~
24 ~~(c) An updating of recommendations for actions by federal,~~
25 ~~state, and local governments and the private sector ~~which~~ that will~~
26 ~~facilitate the attainment of housing goals established for~~
27 ~~California.~~

28 The Legislature may review the plan and the updates of the plan
29 and transmit its comments on the plan or updates of the plan to the
30 Governor, the Secretary of the Business, Transportation, and
31 Housing Agency, and the Director of Housing and Community
32 Development.

33 SEC. 3. Section 50453 of the Health and Safety Code is
34 amended to read:

35 50453. The California Statewide Housing Plan developed
36 pursuant to Section 50450 shall provide a ~~data base~~ *reference guide*
37 for local housing market studies and ~~serve as a guide for~~ local
38 housing elements required by Section 65302 of the Government
39 Code. ~~It~~ *The plan* is also intended to ~~serve as a state housing plan~~



- 1 ~~and~~ provide a framework for local housing assistance ~~plans~~
- 2 ~~meeting requirements of federal law~~ *plans*.

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