

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1580**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Florez  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ducheny)  
(Coauthor: Senator Costa)**

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An act to add Section 50517.8 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1580, as introduced, Florez. Housing: farm labor strategy.

Under existing law, the Department of Housing and Community Development administers the Farmworker Housing Grant Program. Existing law establishes the Farmworker Housing Grant Fund and continuously appropriates this fund to the department to make specified grants for farmworker housing and to defray the department's costs in administering the program. These grants may be made to local public entities and nonprofit corporations for the construction or rehabilitation of housing for agricultural employees, their families, and related support facilities, among other purposes.

This bill would require the department to develop a strategy for the development of farm labor housing and to establish a task force to assist in the development of the strategy. The bill would also require the department to report to the Legislature on its strategy.

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 50517.8 is added to the Health  
2 and Safety Code, to read:  
3 50517.8. (a) The Department of Housing and  
4 Community Development shall develop a strategy for  
5 the development of farm labor housing and shall establish  
6 a task force to assist in the development of the strategy.  
7 (b) The task force shall include representatives of  
8 state housing departments and agencies involved in the  
9 planning and production of housing, infrastructure, and  
10 services to farm labor. The task force shall also include  
11 representatives from agricultural organizations and  
12 organizations serving farm laborers and low-income  
13 residents in rural areas.  
14 (c) The strategy shall include, but not be limited to, an  
15 identification of impediments to the production of  
16 housing affordable to farm laborers, federal, state, and  
17 local sources of financing, private sources of funding,  
18 innovative approaches to financing that could be used as  
19 a model, the current and projected need for permanent  
20 and migrant housing, and a series of measures that need  
21 to be implemented to meet the current and projected  
22 need for farm labor housing.  
23 (d) The department shall report to the Legislature by  
24 July 1, 2000, on its strategy for farm labor housing.

