AN ACT TO AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHER FAIR HOUSING

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WHY IS ENSURING FAIR HOUSING CRITICAL?

Affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking a proactive approach to creating diverse, inclusive communities with access to good jobs, schools, health care, transportation, and housing. By ensuring access and opportunity through more equitable planning from the very start, cities and towns can reshape the policies that have created and perpetuated segregation for decades. We can create protections for the future and begin to right the wrongs of the past, rooting out both intentional and unintentional discrimination in our housing policies and land use decisions.

WHAT WILL THIS BILL DO?

This legislation creates a state-level duty to affirmatively further fair housing to make sure that the state, cities, towns, local housing authorities, and other public entities do not discriminate in their programs. It also creates a commission to establish how communities can meet this duty. This bill would make fair housing duties and recommendations explicit for every city and town while thoughtfully engaging the community in the planning process.



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