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AB-1508 Department of Housing and Community Development: California Statewide Housing Plan. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 1508

CHAPTER 765

An act to amend Section 50426 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1508, Ramos. Department of Housing and Community Development: California Statewide Housing Plan.

Existing law establishes the California Statewide Housing Plan to serve as a state housing plan for all relevant purposes. Existing law requires that the plan incorporate, among other things, a statement of housing goals, policies, and objectives, and requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (department) to update and provide a revision of the plan to the Legislature every 4 years, as specified. Existing law requires each update and revision to the plan occurring on or after January 1, 2023, to include an inventory of the number of affordable units needed to meet the state's affordable housing needs for the plan period and to incorporate technical updates and provide technical recommendations, as specified.

This bill would require each update and revision to the plan to also include (1) an analysis of first-time home buyer assistance policies, goals, and objectives; (2) recommendations for actions that will contribute to increasing home ownership opportunities for first-time home buyers in California; and (3) an evaluation and summary of demographic disparities in home ownership attainment in California, as specified. The bill would require the department to consult with the California Housing Finance Agency and would authorize the department to consult with other state departments and agencies deemed relevant to inform the plan pursuant to these provisions.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 50426 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

50426. (a) Each update and revision to the plan occurring on or after January 1, 2023, shall incorporate both of the following:

(1) The plan shall include an inventory of the number of affordable units needed to meet the state's affordable housing needs for the plan period.

(2) The plan shall incorporate technical updates and provide technical recommendations, including, but not limited to, both of the following:

(A) Recommendations for modernizing statutory and regulatory terminology.

(B) Updating cross-references to relevant reports and studies relied on in the plan and used in this part.

(b) The department may use data collected by the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to meet the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a).

(c) (1) Each update and revision to the plan occurring on or after January 1, 2024, shall incorporate all of the following:

(A) An analysis of first-time home buyer assistance policies, goals, and objectives.

(B) Recommendations for actions that will contribute to increasing homeownership opportunities for first-time home buyers in California.

(C) An evaluation and summary of demographic disparities in homeownership attainment in California, which may include, but is not limited to, disparities related to race, ethnicity, household income, household size, age, and disability status.

(2) The department shall consult with the California Housing Finance Agency and may consult with other state departments and agencies deemed relevant to inform the plan pursuant to this subdivision.