

1 HOUSE BILL 657

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HOUSING; REQUIRING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TO
12 CONTRACT FOR A STUDY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES IN THE
13 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE; PROVIDING FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE
14 FEASIBILITY OF A SIMILAR STATEWIDE STUDY; REQUIRING REPORTING
15 TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE LEGISLATURE; MAKING AN
16 APPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--AFFORDABLE HOUSING
20 STUDY.--

21 A. By January 1, 2020, the city of Albuquerque
22 shall contract with a person that has no ties to any affordable
23 housing income stream to conduct an independent study to
24 contribute to a framework for ending homelessness. The study
25 shall address all types of affordable rental housing for

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1 individuals whose income is thirty percent or below of area
2 median income in the city of Albuquerque, including permanent
3 supportive housing vouchers, rental assistance, vouchers issued
4 pursuant to Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937,
5 public housing and low-income housing tax credit rentals.

6 B. The study findings shall include:

- 7 (1) the number of affordable housing units;
8 (2) any funding needed to bridge any gaps
9 found for each type of affordable rental housing;
10 (3) a determination of the overall unmet need;
11 (4) a determination of the effect of any unmet
12 needs for affordable housing on the demand for emergency
13 shelter;
14 (5) a geospatial analysis of affordable
15 housing stock within the city of Albuquerque;
16 (6) an evaluation of the feasibility and cost
17 for the New Mexico mortgage finance authority to consider
18 conducting a similar statewide study of affordable housing
19 resources to determine unmet housing needs throughout New
20 Mexico;
21 (7) input from relevant stakeholders,
22 including the city of Albuquerque, the children, youth and
23 families department, the human services department, the New
24 Mexico mortgage finance authority, a nonprofit coalition of
25 nonprofit agencies that provide housing and services to

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1 individuals and families experiencing homelessness in New
2 Mexico, and Albuquerque homeless services providers;

3 (8) a list of current state agency rules and
4 legislation that inhibit the availability of affordable housing
5 for individuals whose income is thirty percent or below of area
6 median income for the city of Albuquerque and proposed
7 legislative solutions to address those issues; and

8 (9) recommendations for pre-development
9 activities, including services associated with land
10 acquisition, planning and design, as directed by the city of
11 Albuquerque.

12 C. By November 1, 2020, the city of Albuquerque
13 shall provide the study findings and recommendations to the
14 appropriate legislative body.

15 D. For the purposes of this section:

16 (1) "area median income" means the midpoint of
17 the city of Albuquerque's income distribution adjusted for
18 family size published annually by the United States department
19 of housing and urban development; and

20 (2) "geospatial analysis" means using
21 geographic information systems to create maps that visualize
22 data related to affordable housing resources.

23 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred fifty thousand
24 dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
25 local government division of the department of finance and

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1 administration for expenditure in fiscal years 2020 and 2021
2 for the city of Albuquerque to contract for services to conduct
3 an independent, comprehensive budget study and analysis of
4 existing affordable housing resources and unmet needs in the
5 city of Albuquerque. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
6 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the
7 general fund.

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