HOUSE BILL 448

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; CREATING THE OFFICE OF HOUSING
PLANNING AND PRODUCTION; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] OFFICE OF HOUSING PLANNING AND
PRODUCTION CREATED--ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED--POWERS AND
DUTIES.--

A. As used in this section, "housing" means real
property and infrastructure that is residential housing,
including rental housing, the housing portion of a mixed-use
commercial and housing project and commercial property that is
repurposed for residential housing.

B. The "office of housing planning and production"
is created and is administratively attached to the department

1   of finance and administration. The department shall provide

2   administrative services for the office.

3   C. The purpose of the office of housing planning

4   and production is to:

5   (1) reduce housing costs;

6   (2) increase statewide housing availability,

7   including housing for low-income and homeless households;

8   (3) maximize resources to address statewide

9   housing needs;

10   (4) address the underlying factors that are

11   impacting housing costs and limited supply;

12   (5) grow local programs and capacity to

13   address housing needs and further fair housing;

14   (6) identify state resources for housing; and

15   (7) track housing progress through goal

16   setting and data.

17   D. The director of the office of housing planning

18   and production shall be appointed by the governor. Subject to

19   appropriations, the director may employ technical and clerical

20   assistants as necessary to carry out the powers and duties of

21   the office.

22   E. The office of housing planning and production

23   shall:

24   (1) develop a statewide strategy to build

25   collaborative partnerships among state agencies and local

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1 stakeholders in addressing housing and homelessness, aligning

2 programs and identifying resources;

3 (2) provide technical assistance to local

4 governments, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos and regional

5 entities to improve housing regulation, further fair housing,

6 increase housing development capacity and housing funding, grow

7 local and statewide capacity for homelessness services and

8 prevention and promote public-private housing partnerships;

9 (3) align resources across state agencies and

10 the private sector to identify new programs to increase

11 capacity in housing finance and housing development and to grow

12 the construction and trades workforces;

13 (4) address the underlying factors that impact

14 housing costs and availability, regardless of income, by, at a

15 minimum:

16 (a) analyzing regulatory frameworks

17 surrounding land use and zoning, building codes, permitting and

18 inspection processes and utility and road connections;

19 (b) analyzing construction costs

20 associated with workforce shortages and supply chain

21 constraints; and

22 (c) promoting new approaches to housing,

23 including modular, manufactured and tiny homes and new

24 construction technologies;

25 (5) coordinate across state agencies and local

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1   stakeholders to address homelessness;

2   (6)   collect and report housing and land use

3   data and outcomes at least annually to the legislative finance

4   committee; provided that the data and outcomes shall describe

5   housing development activities, programs and investments in

6   regions of the state and statewide to:

7   (a)   evaluate needs and progress toward

8   housing goals;

9   (b)   identify geographic gaps in housing

10   availability and services;

11   (c)   assess the relative health of local

12   and regional housing markets; and

13   (d)   evaluate the impacts of state,

14   regional and local housing programs;

15   (7)   collect and report data at least annually

16   to describe and monitor the housing market in regions of the

17   state and statewide and establish housing production goals

18   across income levels;

19   (8)   evaluate housing data to identify:

20   (a)   geographic gaps in housing

21   availability and whether the gaps are the result of increased

22   or decreased economic activity;

23   (b)   duplications within state agencies

24   of service and finance efforts; and

25   (c)   adequate progress of local

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1 governments toward housing production and fair housing goals;

2 (9) analyze housing and economic development

3 investments and initiatives, measure impacts of state, regional

4 and local housing programs, monitor state and local efforts,

5 support local efforts to meet defined housing goals, make

6 necessary policy changes and investments to achieve housing

7 goals and make findings publicly available;

8 (10) create a framework for local governments

9 to set goals for meeting housing needs across income levels;

10 (11) grow local ability to meet housing needs

11 by:

12 (a) working with local governments on

13 land use and zoning, permit, inspection and building codes;

14 (b) supporting capacity building at the

15 local and regional level for new housing programs; and

16 (c) using goal setting frameworks and

17 land use outcome data to create accountability to solve

18 problems locally;

19 (12) identify ways that existing programs and

20 capacities can address housing needs;

21 (13) provide support to state agencies

22 undertaking housing and housing-adjacent activities; and

23 (14) perform nonduplicative duties assigned by

24 the governor or the legislature to ensure that the state meets

25 or exceeds the state's housing goals.

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1   **SECTION 2.** EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public

2 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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