

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5807

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As of January 8, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to housing authorities.

**Brief Description:** Concerning housing authorities.

**Sponsors:** Senators Frame, Gildon, Trudeau, Rivers, Cleveland and King.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Housing: 1/10/24.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows a joint housing authority to be formed by two or more city governments without county legislative authority authorization.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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**Background:** The state's Housing Authority Law authorizes the establishment of local public housing authorities (PHA) in every city and county within the state. A PHA must be activated by a resolution of the governing body of a city or county, and a PHA's boundaries are coextensive with the creating city or county, unless established as a joint housing authority.

The legislative authorities of one or more counties and the legislative authorities of any city or cities within one or more counties may authorize a joint housing authority by ordinance.

The ordinances creating a joint housing authority must prescribe:

- the number of commissioners, length of terms, and method for their appointment, election of officers, and removal of commissioners; and
- the allocation of all costs of the joint housing authority and other matters necessary for its operation.

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The area of operation of a joint housing authority is the combined areas of the housing authorities created in each city and county authorizing the joint housing authority.

PHAs primarily serve as a conduit for federally funded housing programs, such as tenant-based vouchers and publicly owned housing. PHAs also own and operate other rental housing, such as emergency and transitional housing, senior housing, and properties funded through low-income housing tax credits. The PHAs have no taxing authority.

**Summary of Bill:** Legislative authorities that have created housing authorities may form a joint housing authority with two or more city governments without county legislative authority authorization. The ordinances creating a joint housing authority must provide:

- for the creation of a new public body corporate and politic; or
- that a housing authority created and previously activated by resolution of one of the legislative authorities creating the joint housing authority will be converted to and operate as a joint housing authority.

Unless a delayed date is specified in the ordinances, the creation of, or conversion to, a joint housing authority will take effect upon the latest effective date of the ordinances providing for its creation.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.