
Housing Committee

HB 1108

Brief Description: Creating a task force on housing cost driver analysis.

Sponsors: Representatives Klicker, Peterson, Barkis, Ybarra, Low, Leavitt, Schmidt, Eslick, Penner, Connors, Paul, Ramel, Jacobsen, Shavers, Burnett, Rude, Keaton, Obras, Timmons, Wylie, Caldier, Barnard, Rule, Nance, Berg and Bernbaum.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates a legislative task force to analyze housing cost drivers.

Hearing Date: 1/14/25

Staff: Serena Dolly (786-7150).

Background:

The Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) advises the Department of Commerce on housing and housing-related issues. The AHAB has 25 members representing public entities, local governments, housing industries, and other stakeholders.

Summary of Bill:

A legislative task force to research, analyze, and determine the primary cost drivers for housing in Washington state is established with the following members:

- one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the Senate;
- one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives;
- two economists with expertise in the most relevant economic disciplines;
- one member representing nonprofit housing developers;
- one member representing for-profit housing developers;

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- one member representing builders;
- one member representing labor;
- one member representing realtors;
- one member representing cities;
- one member representing counties;
- one member representing tenants;
- one member representing landlords;
- one member representing home mortgage lenders;
- one member representing multifamily lenders;
- one member representing utility providers;
- one member representing public housing authorities;
- one member representing the Washington State Housing Finance Commission;
- one member from a statewide association representing business; and
- one member from an organization representing architects.

The legislative membership must convene the initial meeting of the task force, and the task force must choose its cochairs from among its legislative membership. The task force must solicit and consider information and perspectives provided by the AHAB and other entities and persons with relevant interest and expertise. Staff support for the task force must be provided by Senate Committee Services and the House of Representatives Office of Program Research. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2026.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.