

AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAME DUCK SESSION PRIORITIES

2022-2023 SESSION



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During this lame-duck legislative session, Fair Share Housing Center is eager to continue advocating for fair and equitable housing. We continue to strengthen and protect the Mount Laurel Doctrine here in New Jersey by advocating for impactful tools to address housing. The housing crisis in our state is affecting individuals and families of all backgrounds, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for many residents to find affordable housing options. Skyrocketing rents, inadequate affordable housing availability, and rising property prices have left New Jersey residents struggling.

Affordable housing is not just a matter of bricks and mortar but a cornerstone of a thriving community. Individuals and families can better focus on their education, employment, and overall well-being when they can access stable and affordable housing. The following pieces of legislation could provide opportunities for New Jersey residents. The legislation listed below could provide viable solutions to address some of the housing-related issues New Jersey faces.

MAKING IT EASIER TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOMES

SENATE BILL 2103/ASSEMBLY BILL 1294

Authorizes conversion of certain office parks and retail centers to mixed-use developments. (Singleton/Greenwald)

SENATE BILL 3779/ASSEMBLY BILL 5594

Requires Division of Purchase and Property to issue an annual report on State-owned property and its potential for use as affordable housing. (Singleton/Greenwald)

SENATE BILL 337

Expands financing opportunities for low-and moderate-income housing. (Singleton & Pou)

EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOMES

SENATE BILL 858/ASSEMBLY BILL 2760

Consolidates certain affordable housing and assistance applications. (Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson)

SENATE BILL 934/ASSEMBLY BILL 669

Establishes guidelines for creditworthiness determinations concerning affordable housing programs. (Turner/Verrelli)

SENATE BILL 392/ASSEMBLY BILL 1754

Establishes confidentiality of landlord-tenant court records; addresses adverse actions on rental applications. (Rice/McKeon)

SENATE BILL 2214

Provides an exception for Legal Services of New Jersey and other public interest organizations from confidentiality of certain eviction actions. (Stack & Ruiz)

ADDRESSING THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP

SENATE BILL 777/ASSEMBLY BILL 1519

Concerns discriminatory appraisals of residential property on the basis of race or national origin. (Singleton/McKnight)

SENATE BILL 1427/ASSEMBLY BILL 793

Creates "Community Wealth Preservation Program"; expands access for certain buyers to purchase property from sheriff's sale. (Gill/Timberlake)