

Date of Hearing: July 3, 2019

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

David Chiu, Chair

SB 573 (Chang) – As Amended May 21, 2019

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: Homeless Emergency Aid program: funding

SUMMARY: Makes changes to the Housing and Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Establishes HEAP to provide one-time grant funds to address the immediate homelessness challenges of local cities and counties.
- 2) Establishes the Council under the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH) with the purpose of coordinating the state's response to homelessness by utilizing Housing First practices and administering HEAP.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown.

COMMENTS:

HEAP was created in the 2018-19 budget and appropriated \$500 million to address homelessness. The program funds have been allocated. This year's budget creates a new program, the Homelessness, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program and allocates \$650 million to the program. Various improvements have been made to last year's HEAP program including: focusing funding on evidence-based approaches to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing, extending the amount of time program recipients have to spend the funds, and requiring recipients to determine the need for additional emergency shelter beds before allocating funding toward new beds.

This bill would make changes to the HEAP program which is now obsolete. The committee may wish to consider if this is necessary.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Apartment Association
California Catholic Conference
California State Association of Counties
City of Anaheim
City of Brea
City of Fullerton
City of Glendale
City of Stanton
El Dorado Opportunity Knocks
Los Angeles County Office of Education

Orange County Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care

Opposition

None on file.

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