
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
Senator Nancy Skinner, Chair
2023 - 2024 Regular

Bill No: AJR 9 **Hearing Date:** 6/4/2024
Author: McKinnor
Version: 8/23/2023 Introduced
Urgency: No **Fiscal:** Yes
Consultant: Erin Riches

SUBJECT: Housing and homelessness

DIGEST: This resolution requests Congress to pass, and President Biden to sign into law, the Housing Crisis Response Act of 2023 (H.R. 4233), the Ending Homelessness Act of 2023 (H.R. 4232), and the Downpayment Toward Equity Act of 2023 (H.R. 4231).

ANALYSIS:

Existing federal law establishes a variety of federal housing programs including the Housing Choice Voucher Program and numerous other assistance programs under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as various homebuyer loan programs under the Federal Housing Administration, the US Department of Agriculture, and the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

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COMMENTS:

- 1) *Author's statement.* "We are in the middle of a housing crisis. With a lack of affordable housing and a growing unhoused population, our housing crisis should be our first priority. Urging Congress and the President to act and sign the Housing Crisis Response Act of 2023 is a crucial step on putting our money where our mouths are by fully investing in and tackling our housing crisis head on."
- 2) *Additional federal funds for housing assistance.* This resolution supports the following proposed federal legislation:

- a) The Housing Crisis Response Act of 2023 (H.R. 4233, Waters), which would provide over \$150 billion for affordable housing, including investments in public housing, supportive housing, housing vouchers, revitalization of distressed multifamily properties, hazard and climate mitigation, fair housing investigations, and first time homebuyer assistance.
- b) The Ending Homelessness Act of 2023 (H.R. 4232, Waters), which would transform the Housing Choice Voucher program into a federal entitlement, allowing every household who qualifies for assistance to receive it. It would also ban housing discrimination based on income and veteran status.
- c) The Downpayment Toward Equity Act of 2023 (H.R. 4231, Waters), which would provide \$100 billion in direct assistance for first-time, first-generation homebuyers, including down payment assistance, closing costs, and assistance in buying down mortgage interest rates.

RELATED LEGISLATION:

AJR 3 (Grayson, Resolution Chapter 132, Statutes of 2023) — declared the support of the Legislature for a reduction to the threshold for tax-exempt private activity bond financing cap from 50 to 25% and joined the California State Treasurer in urging the passage of the federal Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2023.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

POSITIONS: (Communicated to the committee before noon on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.)

SUPPORT:

Mayor Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles
LeadingAge California

OPPOSITION:

None received

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