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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-16-09
 SPONSOR R. Martinez LAST UPDATED 1-28-09 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Municipal Housing Law and Authorities SB 60/aSfI#1
 ANALYST Leger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB20

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFI#1 Amendment

Senate Floor Amendment 1 to SB 60, strikes the words “blight or” on page 5, line 16. The words “blight or” was new language for section I of section 3. The said section will now read as.....I. ”slum” means any area where dwellings predominate that be reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to the safety, health or well-being of the occupants or to surrounding properties.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 60 is a proposed amendment to the Municipal Housing Act promulgated to clean up and update the existing Act, and to provide definitions and language similar to those in the proposed Regional Housing Authority Consolidation amendments (SB20).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

MFA reports the Municipal Housing Act applies only to local county and municipal housing authorities and their housing agencies. The legislation proposes the following changes:

- Adds the term “moderate income” to the definitions in order to address a work force income level as well as to be able to leverage the moderate income level with the low income level within mixed income affordable housing projects.
- Adds the term “affordable housing” and “affordable housing program” to mirror the language in SB20.
- Creates a process by which local housing authorities may choose to partner or merge operations in order to become a Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Authority or with another local housing authority or a Regional Housing Authority if they so choose.
- Provides a process for any local housing authority that HUD finds in default of their Annual Contributions Contract to be transferred to another Municipal or Regional Housing Authority if the need should exist.
- Strengthen the conflict of interest language to match the language of the Annual Contributions Contract between HUD and local Housing authorities.
- Provide for the board to delegate to the Executive Director its authority to hire staff and technical experts based on the housing authority’s procurement and personnel policies.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 60 relates to the proposed changes to the Regional Housing Law in SB 20.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The municipal and regional housing acts will not be synchronized.

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