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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Jackson Sen. Gonzales	Bill Status:	House SCMVA
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Bill Topic: **HOUSING PUBLIC BENEFIT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill exempts public or assisted housing benefits from the requirement that a recipient be verified as lawfully present in the United States. Starting in FY 2021-22, the bill will decrease state workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Currently, both federal and state law require that individuals verify lawful presence to receive certain government benefits. This bill removes the requirement to verify lawful presence for public or assisted housing benefits.

State Expenditures

The Division of Housing in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) administers state-funded programs that are only available to households where every member is lawfully present. These include housing vouchers, down payment assistance grants or loans, single family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation loans, and affordable housing units. This bill increases the number of individuals who may participate in these programs, increasing demand on annual appropriations. The bill minimally reduces workload for the department to process applicants.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Law

Human Services
Local Affairs

Information Technology
Municipalities