

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2529
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Urban Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that the current requirement for the "resident commissioner" for certain public housing authorities to be a tenant of a public housing project over which the authority has jurisdiction is too restrictive and does not reflect the diversity of authorities that are transitioning tenants from public housing to other types of housing assistance programs. H.B. 2529 seeks to extend the opportunity to serve as a resident commissioner to persons other than those tenants by authorizing a recipient of housing assistance administered through certain programs to be appointed as such.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2529 amends the Local Government Code to give certain municipal, county, or regional housing authorities the option of appointing a recipient of housing assistance administered through the authority's housing choice voucher program or project-based rental assistance program to serve as a commissioner of the authority as an alternative to appointing a tenant of a public housing project over which the authority has jurisdiction.

H.B. 2529 repeals Sections 392.0331(b-2) and (b-3), Local Government Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.