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H.B. No. 158

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the use of surplus government property to provide housing to veterans and low-income families.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

(2) "Low-income family" means a family earning not more than 80 percent of the area median income or applicable federal poverty line, as determined by the department under Section 2306.123 or 2306.1231, Government Code.

(3) "Surplus government property" means unused or underused federal, state, or local property, including real property, historic buildings, residential buildings, and commercial buildings.

SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The department shall conduct a study on the feasibility of using surplus government property to provide housing to veterans and low-income families.

(b) In conducting the study under this section, the department:

(1) shall:

(A) evaluate the availability of surplus government property in this state and the feasibility of developing housing units on that property to provide housing to veterans and

1 low-income families; and

2 (B) identify potential funding sources to
3 develop housing units on surplus government property, including:

- 4 (i) federal historic tax credits;
5 (ii) federal housing tax credits;
6 (iii) corporate and private donations;
7 (iv) other existing state and federal
8 funding sources; and

9 (v) proposed tenant rent payments; and

10 (2) may consult with:

- 11 (A) local housing authorities;
12 (B) affordable housing developers; and
13 (C) organizations and persons with appropriate
14 and relevant expertise on the housing needs of veterans or
15 low-income families.

16 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2026, the
17 department shall prepare and submit to the legislature a written
18 report summarizing the results of the study conducted under this
19 Act.

20 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

21 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
22 1, 2025.