Amend CSSB 1, in Article VII of the bill (page VII-3), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs:

_____. Report to United States Census Bureau. (a) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Housing and Community Affairs use an appropriate portion of the funds appropriated to the department by this Act to determine the occupancy of multiunit residential properties in this state.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that, in determining the occupancy of multiunit residential properties, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs collect the following information for each census tract in this state:

(1) the number of units in each multiunit residential property; and

(2) the number of occupants in each unit of a multiunit residential property.

(c) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Housing and Community Affairs send to the United States Census Bureau the information described by Subsections (a) and (b) and, if determined appropriate by the department, any other statistical information that will assist the bureau in conducting a census.

(d) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Housing and Community Affairs by rule may require an applicant to provide information relating to the number of units and the occupancy of each unit in a housing development as a condition of receiving or retaining a housing tax credit under Chapter 2306, Government Code.

(e) It is the intent of the legislature that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs develop a method for collecting information relating to the occupancy of multiunit residential properties not later than January 1, 2010.

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