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S.B. No. 1672

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the purposes of the Texas Department of Housing and
3 Community Affairs.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [2306.001](#), Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 2306.001. PURPOSES. The purposes of the department
8 are to:

9 (1) assist local governments in:

10 (A) providing essential public services for
11 their residents; and

12 (B) overcoming financial, social, and
13 environmental problems;

14 (2) provide for the housing needs of individuals and
15 families of low, very low, and extremely low income and families of
16 moderate income;

17 (3) contribute to the preservation, development, and
18 redevelopment of neighborhoods and communities, including
19 cooperation in the preservation of government-assisted housing
20 occupied by individuals and families of very low and extremely low
21 income;

22 (4) assist the governor and the legislature in
23 coordinating federal and state programs affecting local
24 government;

1 (5) inform state officials and the public of the needs
2 of local government;

3 (6) serve as the lead agency for:

4 (A) addressing at the state level the problem of
5 homelessness in this state;

6 (B) coordinating interagency efforts to address
7 homelessness; and

8 (C) addressing at the state level and
9 coordinating interagency efforts to address any problem associated
10 with homelessness, including hunger; ~~and~~

11 (7) serve as a source of information to the public
12 regarding all affordable housing resources and community support
13 services in the state; and

14 (8) affirmatively further state and federal fair
15 housing laws by promoting fair housing opportunities.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.