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H.B. No. 5072

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

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

8 (2) "Surplus government property" means unused or
9 underused federal, state, or local property, including real
10 property, historic buildings, residential buildings, and
11 commercial buildings.

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

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

17 (1) shall:

18 (A) evaluate the availability of surplus
19 government property in this state and the feasibility of developing
20 housing units on that property to provide housing to veterans and
21 low-income families; and

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

24 (i) federal historic tax credits;

- 1 (ii) federal housing tax credits;
- 2 (iii) corporate and private donations;
- 3 (iv) other existing state and federal
- 4 funding sources; and
- 5 (v) proposed tenant rent payments; and

6 (2) may consult with:

- 7 (A) local housing authorities;
- 8 (B) affordable housing developers; and
- 9 (C) organizations and persons with appropriate
- 10 and relevant expertise on the housing needs of veterans or
- 11 low-income families.

12 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2024, the

13 department shall prepare and submit to the legislature a written

14 report summarizing the results of the study conducted under this

15 Act.

16 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2025.

17 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September

18 1, 2023.