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HOUSE FILE 694

BY COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 533)

Passed House, Date ^(P. 966) 3-28-01
Vote: Ayes 97 Nays 0

Passed Senate, Date ^(P. 1431) 4-24-01
Vote: Ayes 55 Nays 42

Approved Velock May 3, 2001

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30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill relates to housing by creating a housing trust
32 fund and a housing trust commission.

33 The bill creates a housing trust fund and provides for the
34 joint administration of the fund by the Iowa finance authority
35 and the department of economic development. The bill provides

1 that moneys in the fund shall be used for any housing-related
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H-1355

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1 Amend House File 694 as follows:

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2 1. Page 1, line 8, by striking the word
3 "jointly".

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4 2. Page 1, lines 10 and 11, by striking the words
5 "and the department of economic development".

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By TEIG of Hamilton

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(As Amended and Passed by the House March 28, 2001)

Passed House, ^(P.1431) Date 4-24-01 Passed Senate, ^(P.1145) Date 4-17-01
Vote: Ayes 55 Nays 42 Vote: Ayes 48 Nays _____
~~Approved~~ Retired May 3, 2001

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S-3351

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2 reprinted by the House, as follows:

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31 6. By renumbering as necessary.

By MARK ZIEMAN
KITTY REHBERG

S-3351 FILED APRIL 12, 2001

Adopted 4-17-01 (P1145)

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 694

H-1560

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H-1560 FILED APRIL 17, 2001

House Concurred
4-24-01
(p. 1430)



THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SALLY J. PEDERSON
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May 3, 2001

The Honorable Brent Siegrist
Speaker of the House
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Speaker Siegrist:

I hereby transmit House File 694; an Act relating to housing by creating a housing trust fund and a housing trust commission.

I am unable to approve House File 694. House File 694 as it has been passed by the general assembly would delay progress in developing and promoting a comprehensive housing strategy for Iowa.

In August of 1999 the Governor's Housing Task Force was convened to develop a comprehensive housing strategy for Iowa. This strategy was to provide a clear and unified direction on the use and purpose of housing resources and federal resources administered by state government. The fifty-six member task force, representing state and local policy makers, private sector developers, housing program administrators, non-profits and others released their final report in December of 2000.

The top two recommendations of the Housing Task Force were:

- Creation of a housing trust fund to consolidate all state-funded housing programs into one structure and provide a dedicated funding stream to maximize leveraging of private and governmental financing for housing programs




- Consolidation of the administration of all state-funded housing programs within one entity.

House File 694 fails to implement either of these recommendations. The bill creates a housing trust fund but provides no funding. Without a dedicated funding stream the trust fund has no purpose. Additionally, the bill creates a housing trust commission to make recommendations regarding the implementation of the consolidation of all housing programs in 2003. There is already agreement that consolidating housing programs under one entity would provide for the most effective and efficient use of state housing resources. This action creates an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and further delays implementation of a comprehensive housing strategy.

I have received numerous communications from housing advocates expressing their disappointment and lack of support for House File 694. The housing needs of our urban and rural communities are well documented and the time for study is over. It is time to take action and implement the Housing Task Force recommendations.

For the above reasons, I hereby respectfully disapprove House File 694.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Secretary of State

Vetoed

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BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 694, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

~~Approved~~ *Vetoed* May 3, 2001

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor