

House File 2312 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing an affordable housing task force.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK FORCE.

2 1. An affordable housing task force is created to identify
3 state and local regulatory barriers that contribute to the cost
4 of affordable housing and to examine the corresponding public
5 benefit of such regulations relative to their impact on housing
6 costs.

7 2. The task force shall study and make recommendations
8 concerning state and local regulations and practices affecting
9 the development and availability of affordable housing, including
10 but not limited to the following areas:

- 11 a. Zoning and land use regulations.
- 12 b. State and local building codes.
- 13 c. Permitting and approval processes.
- 14 d. State and local funding mechanisms.

15 3. The task force shall consist of the following members:

- 16 a. The state building code commissioner or the commissioner's
17 designee.
- 18 b. The state fire marshal or the fire marshal's designee.
- 19 c. The director of the Iowa economic development authority or
20 the director's designee.
- 21 d. Three members representing housing developers, appointed
22 by the governor.
- 23 e. One elected official of a city with a population of fifty
24 thousand or more, appointed by the governor.
- 25 f. One elected official of a city with a population of fewer
26 than fifty thousand, appointed by the governor.
- 27 g. One county supervisor from a county with a population of
28 fifty thousand or more, appointed by the governor.
- 29 h. One county supervisor from a county with a population of
30 fewer than fifty thousand, appointed by the governor.
- 31 i. Two members of the house of representatives, one appointed
32 by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the minority
33 leader of the house.
- 34 j. Two members of the senate, one appointed by the majority
35 leader of the senate and one appointed by the minority leader of

1 the senate.

2 4. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation
3 but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the
4 performance of their official duties. Task force members who
5 are members of the general assembly shall be paid in accordance
6 with section 2.32A. The remaining task force members shall be
7 reimbursed from moneys appropriated for such a purpose.

8 5. On or before December 1, 2026, the task force shall
9 submit a written report to the general assembly detailing the
10 task force's findings and recommendations, including any proposed
11 statutory or administrative changes to reduce regulatory barriers
12 to affordable housing while preserving public health and safety.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill establishes an affordable housing task force to
17 study state and local regulations that contribute to the cost
18 of affordable housing and to examine the corresponding public
19 benefit of such regulations relative to their impact on housing
20 costs.

21 The bill requires the task force to examine zoning and land
22 use regulations, state and local building codes, permitting
23 and approval processes, and state and local funding mechanisms
24 affecting the development and availability of affordable housing.

25 The bill establishes the membership of the task force, which
26 includes representatives from state agencies, housing developers,
27 local government officials from cities and counties of varying
28 population sizes, and members of the general assembly.

29 The bill requires the task force to submit a written report
30 to the general assembly and the governor by December 1,
31 2026, detailing the task force's findings and recommendations,
32 including any proposed statutory or administrative changes
33 intended to reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing
34 while preserving public health and safety.