

Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness Priority Amendments
House Ways and Means FY23 Budget

#78 (Rep. Sabadosa) – Western MA Network to End Homelessness (WMNEH) – to continue the WMNEH earmark funding of \$75,000

#1268 (Rep. Moran) - Housing Protections - to extend Chapter 257 eviction protections to cases where landlords seek to recover arrears for non-payment of rent and require landlords to participate in the rental assistance process in good faith before being permitted to file an eviction case in court.

#1371 (Rep. Decker) - Rental Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) - to expand eligibility to households with incomes from 50% of the area median income (AMI) up to 60% AMI; affirmatively ensure upstream access to benefits; direct DHCD to authorize 4 months of forward rent payments and stipends to otherwise eligible applicants

#241 (Rep. Sabadosa, Rep. Malia): Safe Havens - to increase funding for the Safe Havens shelter program by \$2.5 million

#881 (Rep. Madaro) - Mass. Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) - to cap tenant rent share at 30% instead of 40%; shift to a payment standard model to allow mobile subsidy holders greater autonomy and opportunity in choosing where to rent; and expand mobile vouchers to cover tenant-paid utilities

#399 (Rep. Barber) - HomeBASE - to increase benefits to \$15,000 for every 12 month period; allow benefits of \$30,000 up to 24 months; removes the income increases as terms for ineligibility

#494 (Rep. O'Day) - Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness - to increase the allocation from \$8.5 million to \$10 million

#360 (Rep. Duffy, Rep. González) - Cliff Effect Pilot - to eliminate the Cliff Effect and create the pilot program outlined in [H.208](#)

#1068 and #1070 (Rep. Peake) - Regional Transit Authority (RTA) - to increase funding to \$101 million in RTA base funding