



Housing First
for Hampden, Hampshire,
Franklin and Berkshire Counties

Western MA Network to End Homelessness Amendment Co-sponsorship Requests

- **#352 - Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness** (Rep. Sabadosa): \$125,000 to facilitate regional coordination across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties to prevent and end homelessness with a Housing First approach that centers racial equity
- **#1707 - Upstream Homelessness Prevention** (Rep. Decker): Increases RAFT benefit cap to \$10,000/year and removes the requirement of having a notice to quit to qualify for assistance
- **#1183 - Housing First Responders HCEC Restoration** (Rep. Consalvo): Restores funding to the Housing Consumer Education centers to the FY2025 level of \$8.974 million to provide critical support for people experiencing a range of housing challenges
- **#1694 - Access to Emergency Shelter** (Rep. Decker): Strikes the requirement for homeless families to present all necessary paperwork prior to entering shelter and expands length of stay to 9 months
- **#35 - Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)** (Rep. A. Ramos): Increases funding to \$300 million for approximately 1,000 new vouchers
- **#542 - Improvements to HomeBASE** (Rep. Barber): Increases the cap on benefits to \$50,000 per family over the first two years and up to \$25,000 in subsequent years and makes other programmatic improvements to create long-term housing stability
- **#1419 - Access to Counsel** (Rep. D. Rogers): Provides a modest increase from \$3 million to \$4 million to provide low-income tenants and owner-occupants full legal representation in eviction proceedings
- **#1291 - Access to Counsel Outside Section** (Rep. Day) - Includes language from the bill to build a stable statewide program that can grow incrementally subject to appropriation and prevent additional homelessness
- **#709 - Department of Mental Health Rental Subsidy Program** (Rep. Garballey): Increases funding to \$23.5 million to preserve more than 2,500 vouchers
- **#1671 - Rental Bridge Subsidies for Older Adults** (Rep. Arriaga and Rep. Uytterhoeven): Creates a new short-term housing bridge subsidy program for lower-income older adults at risk of homelessness and adds \$7.5 million to fund the expansion
- **#812 - Housing and Services for Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness** (Rep. O'Day): Increases funding for youth homelessness to \$12 million

- **#1614 - Supportive Housing Flex Pool** (Rep. Mendes): Seeds the Supportive Housing Pool Fund with \$5 million to streamline and expand the production of housing for people who would otherwise experience homelessness
- **#448 - Bridge to Prosperity Pilot** (Reps. Arriaga and Duffy): \$550,000 for the Economic Development Council to extend the Cliff Effects Pilot Program
- **#456 - MA Healthy Homes Program** (Rep. Arriaga): Provides \$1 million to address issues such as mold, lead and asbestos to keep people in their homes

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