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Legislative Impact Statement

To: Chairperson Representative Craven
From: Elisabeth Hubbard, Executive Secretary
Re: 25 House 6106 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - INSURANCE ON MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS - TENANT RELOCATION INSURANCE

Thursday, April 24, 2025

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee has developed a Legislative Impact Statement on the bill listed below. The Commission would be pleased to present testimony to the committee. Please contact me (462-0110) for additional information.

The Commission finds this bill harmful as written.

The GCD supports House Bill No. 6106 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- INSURANCE ON MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS -- TENANT RELOCATION INSURANCE. It provides for a level of housing security for renters that doesn't currently exist. In the financially uncertain times that many renters face, an accident or act of nature, through no fault of their own, could cause a domino effect leading to homelessness. This bill bridges a gap, ensuring that a temporary crisis does not become a permanent state of being.

However, it is important to note that residents with disabilities may require certain physical accessibility features as part of their housing accommodations such as for instance wheelchair accessibility as well as any other modifications. If the housing that the tenant was renting from the landlord included such accessibility features as required for the tenant's independence and quality of life, then the temporary housing provided as per the provisions of bill should also include such accessibility features. It is important that this language be included in this very well-intentioned bill, so that any tenants with disabilities can benefit equally from the housing security that it provides.