



**House
Legislative
Analysis
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COMP. FOR CITY HOUSING COMMISSION

House Bill 5076 with committee amendment
First Analysis (6-5-90)

Sponsor: Rep. Gregory E. Pitoniak
Committee: Urban Affairs

12:00

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The housing facilities act authorizes local governments to maintain and improve or repair housing facilities and to eliminate housing conditions which are detrimental to the public. The act also allows cities, villages, townships or counties to create municipal housing commissions to carry out the purpose of the act. A housing commission is similar to other boards, councils, and commissions which have been created to help facilitate implementation of certain policies. However, unlike many boards, councils, and commissions, housing commission members are not provided with a stipend or per diem to attend meetings. Especially in areas where a housing commission is subject to intense scrutiny about the policies it sets, it can be difficult to fill vacancies with qualified, interested people.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would amend the housing facilities act to allow local governments to provide compensation to members of housing commissions for each commission meeting attended.

MCL 125.654

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal implications for the state. (5-31-90)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

Many members of boards, councils, and commissions are currently reimbursed for expenses incurred due to attendance of meetings and compensated for each meeting they attend. For example, school board members are compensated for each school board meeting they attend. Many feel that compensation for meetings attended is a way to attract and keep qualified, interested people as members of these types of governmental bodies. The bill will help local governments attract and keep qualified people as members of their housing commissions by allowing them to provide commission members with a stipend.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Municipal League supports the bill. (6-1-90)

The Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Development Officials supports the bill. (6-4-90)

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