Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB628ER **Patron:** Locke
Bill Title: Department of Housing and Community Development; Eviction Reduction Program; report.

Bill Summary: Establishes the Eviction Reduction Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to expand eviction prevention, diversion, and housing stability activities. It requires the Department to collect program data and submit an annual report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year detailing households served, assistance provided, geographic distribution, participation in the Eviction Diversion Program, and legislative recommendations. The bill also directs the Department to develop program guidelines and criteria, in consultation with stakeholders, and to include those guidelines and criteria in the required annual report.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A.**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); however, no budget action is required.

Fiscal Summary: This impact statement is final. This bill codifies the Eviction Reduction Program within DHCD. The bill also requires the department to annually report on (i) the number of households served and the outcomes for such households, (ii) the types of assistance provided, (iii) the geographic distribution of the Program, and (iv) any legislative recommendations it has to help further the goals of the Program. Additionally, the bill requires that DHCD develop and report program guidelines.

Item 102 of the introduced budget bill, HB30/SB30, includes $3.45 million in each year from the general fund to support the Eviction Prevention and Diversion Program. It is anticipated that DHCD can implement the provisions of this bill within current resources.

Amendments to HB30/SB30 proposed by the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee include an additional $13.0 million from the general fund in the first year.

Other: This bill is a companion to HB527H1.