

INTRODUCED BY SENIOR SENATOR STEIR**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST****SFP 3: PUBLIC HOUSING PRIORITY FOR SENIOR VETERANS.**

UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL LAW, THE UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES PURSUANT TO WHICH THOSE AGENCIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH OWNERS OF DWELLING UNITS TO MAKE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO BENEFIT LOW-INCOME AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS. UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL LAW, A PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES, DEFINED AS FAMILIES WITH INCOMES OF LESS THAN 80% OF THE MEDIAN INCOME FOR THE AREA. UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL LAW, SINGLE PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY, DISABLED, DISPLACED, OR THE LAST REMAINING MEMBER OF A TENANT FAMILY ARE CONSIDERED A "FAMILY" FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE. UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL LAW, SPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

ARE SET ASIDE FOR A HOUSING PROGRAM MANAGED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO BENEFIT SPECIFIED HOMELESS VETERANS.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD GIVE PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE SENIORS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS.

VOTE: MAJORITY.

SFP 3: RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

WHEREAS, MANY SENIORS AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES APPLY FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE EVERY YEAR AND PUBLIC HOUSING IS OFTEN ASSIGNED THROUGH A LOTTERY SYSTEM; AND

WHEREAS, THE DEMAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ASSISTANCE OFTEN EXCEEDS THE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND WAITLISTS AND LONG WAITING PERIODS ARE COMMON; AND

WHEREAS, ELIGIBLE SENIORS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS SHOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENCE FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING FOR BOTH THE LOTTERY SYSTEMS AND WAITLISTS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2014 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT LEGISLATION BE ENACTED THAT ESTABLISHES PRIORITY FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED SENIOR VETERANS WHO ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGING, AND TO EACH SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM CALIFORNIA IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.