

## COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ~ BILL SUMMARY

**Bill Number:** H.1521

**Name:** An Act ensuring continued rights for public housing residents

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Kevin Honan (18th Middlesex)

**Hearing Date:** June 4, 2025

**Prior History:** Refile; 2023-24: Received a favorable from the Joint Committee on Housing

**Reporting Deadline:** August 3, 2025

### **Similar Matters:**

**CURRENT LAW:** *M.G.L. c. 121B § 34 — State and Federal financing for public housing; the commonwealth acting by and through the department may enter into a contract or contracts with a housing authority for state financial assistance in the form of a grant by the commonwealth of the development cost of a housing project or projects.*

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

This bill would protect residents within public housing during redevelopment or transferring of property owned by the public housing authority, including maintaining the rights provided under the provisions of the federal, state, and local subsidy programs originally applicable to the project that could include tenant contribution, lease terms, eviction, right to return, grievance, resident participation, preference in hiring, and privacy rights. The redevelopments shall not be the basis for re-screening of existing tenants or termination or reduction of assistance or eviction of any tenant in a subject property, and such a tenant shall not be considered a new admission for any purpose, including compliance with any income targeting requirements.