

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ~ BILL SUMMARY

Bill Number: H.1551

Name: An Act relative to the Affordable Homes Act

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul McMurty (11th Norfolk)

Hearing Date: June 4, 2025

Prior History: New File

Reporting Deadline: August 3, 2025

Similar Matters:

CURRENT LAW: *Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024 — The Affordable Homes Act, renovation and repair of housing authority properties funded with capital pursuant to item 7004-0074*

PROPOSED CHANGE:

This bill would amend line item 7004-0074 of the Affordable Homes Act so that any public housing authority that procures a construction contract for renovation or repair of a housing authority shall be subject to prevailing wage requirements.

Every contract for the renovation or repair of housing authority property using funds pursuant to item 7004-0074 that is estimated by the awarding housing authority to be less than \$10,000 shall be awarded using sound business practices as defined in section two of chapter 30B. The awarding housing authority shall make and keep a record of each procurement that, at a minimum, shall include the name and address of the person from whom the services were procured.

Where the housing authority chooses to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, the awarding housing authority shall make public notification of the contract and shall seek written responses from no fewer than 3 persons who customarily perform such work.