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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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In consideration of
H.C.R. 179/ H.R. 184
**REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT TO INCREASE THE STATE'S AFFORDABLE
HOUSING STOCK BY NOT ALLOCATING SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS
(SPRBs) AND DISCOURAGING THE USE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE
BONDS.**

HHFDC is in **strong support** of H.C.R. 179/ H.R. 184.

Private activity bonds (PABs) are used in conjunction with Low-Income House Tax Credits (LIHTC) to develop rental housing for households at or below 60% of the area median income. PABs, which are capped by the federal government, have been the primary limiting source in the financing of affordable housing. This year, it is capped at \$359 million.

SPRBs, which also use up bond cap, have no cap, as this resolution notes.

HHFDC appreciates the introducer's acknowledgment of the conflict between housing and SPRBs in the use of bond cap and this body's commitment to increasing the State's affordable housing inventory by prioritizing housing for the bond cap.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.