

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable James Clark, President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable Benjamin Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates; James B. Coulter, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Tawes State Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

Signed May 12, 1981.

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(House Joint Resolution No. 74)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Governor's Housing Task Force

FOR the purpose of urging the Governor to appoint a task force to study the demand for subsidized housing; to review the policies and procedures of the Community Development Administration; to evaluate the role of the Maryland Housing Fund; recommending a method of appointment of members to the task force; and urging that the task force submit certain reports by certain dates.

WHEREAS, There is a large demand for subsidized housing in this State and the demand has exceeded the supply; and

WHEREAS, Rapid increases in the cost of new construction and in mortgage interest rates over the past 3 years have placed growing pressures on the housing needs of low and moderate income households; and

WHEREAS, The effectiveness with which the Community Development Administration addresses these housing needs will help determine the quality of life in the 1980's for many of Maryland's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is urged to create a task force to be called the Governor's Housing Task Force to study the problems outlined above, and to undertake the following additional activities:

(1) A statewide housing needs assessment including an examination of alternate feasible allocation guides for statewide distribution of assisted housing;

(2) An examination of the relationship of the Department of Economic and Community Development and Community Development Administration ~~and the advisability of establishing--an--independent-housing-finance--agency--with--an independent-board-of-directors;~~