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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to housing; authorizing the sale and issuance of nonprofit housing bonds  
1.3 for community land trusts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462A.36.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 462A.36, is amended to read:

1.6 **462A.36 NONPROFIT HOUSING BONDS; ~~AUTHORIZATION; STANDING~~**  
1.7 **~~APPROPRIATION~~ AUTHORIZATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section the following terms have  
1.9 the meanings given them in this subdivision.

1.10 (b) "Debt service" means the amount payable in any fiscal year of principal,  
1.11 premium, if any, and interest on nonprofit housing bonds and the fees, charges, and  
1.12 expenses related to the bonds.

1.13 (c) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

1.14 (d) "Nonprofit housing bonds" means bonds issued by the agency under chapter  
1.15 462A that are "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" (within the meaning of Section 145(a) of  
1.16 the Internal Revenue Code) or are not "private activity bonds" (within the meaning of  
1.17 Section 141(a) of the Internal Revenue Code), for the purpose of financing or refinancing  
1.18 affordable housing authorized under this chapter.

1.19 (e) "Permanent supportive housing" means housing that is not time-limited and  
1.20 provides or coordinates with linkages to services necessary for residents to maintain  
1.21 housing stability and maximize opportunities for education and employment.

1.22 Subd. 2. **Authorization; permanent supportive housing.** (a) The agency may issue  
1.23 up to \$36,000,000 of nonprofit housing bonds in one or more series to which the payments  
1.24 made under this section may be pledged. The nonprofit housing bonds authorized in this

subdivision may be issued for the purpose of making loans, on terms and conditions the agency deems appropriate, to finance the costs of the construction, acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing for individuals and families who: (1) either have been without a permanent residence for at least 12 months or at least four times in the last three years; or (2) are at significant risk of lacking a permanent residence for 12 months or at least four times in the last three years. The bonds may also be issued to finance the costs of the construction, acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation of foreclosed or vacant housing to be used for affordable rental housing.

(b) An insubstantial portion of the bond proceeds may be used for permanent supportive housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who do not meet the criteria of paragraph (a).

Subd. 2a. **Authorization; community land trusts.** (a) The agency may issue up to \$5,000,000 of nonprofit housing bonds in one or more series to which the payments made under this section may be pledged. The nonprofit housing bonds authorized in this subdivision may be issued for the purpose of making grants, on terms and conditions the agency deems appropriate, to community land trusts authorized under section 462A.31, to acquire land for residential properties that are at risk of foreclosure, undergoing the foreclosure process, or foreclosed.

(b) Grants made under this subdivision are a supplement to be used by the agency with other funding for the purposes specified in paragraph (a). The agency must consider the award of a grant under this subdivision when making decisions under other funding programs for long-term affordable housing through land leases.

Subd. 3. **No full faith and credit.** The nonprofit housing bonds are not public debt of the state, and the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the state are not pledged to the payment of the nonprofit housing bonds or to any payment that the state agrees to make under this section. The bonds must contain a conspicuous statement to that effect.

Subd. 4. ~~Appropriation~~ **Appropriations; payment to agency or trustee.** (a) The agency must certify annually to the commissioner of management and budget the actual amount of annual debt service on each series of bonds issued under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2 and 2a, respectively.

(b) Each July 15, beginning in 2009 and through 2031, if any nonprofit housing bonds issued under subdivision 2 remain outstanding, the commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the nonprofit housing bond account established under section 462A.21, subdivision 32, the amount certified under paragraph (a), not to exceed \$2,400,000 annually.

3.1 (c) Each July 15, beginning in 2011 and through 2033, if any nonprofit housing  
3.2 bonds issued under subdivision 2a remain outstanding, the commissioner of management  
3.3 and budget must transfer to the nonprofit housing bond account the amount certified under  
3.4 paragraph (a), not to exceed \$400,000 annually.

3.5 (d) The amounts necessary to make the transfers under this subdivision are  
3.6 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of management and budget.

3.7 ~~(e)~~ (e) The agency may pledge to the payment of the nonprofit housing bonds the  
3.8 payments to be made by the state under this section.

3.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.10 Sec. 2. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

3.11 The revisor of statutes shall change the term "neighborhood land trust" to  
3.12 "community land trust" and the term "neighborhood land trusts" to "community land  
3.13 trusts" wherever they appear in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A.