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1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3	relating to housing; establishing an Accessible Housing Task Force; requiring reports; appropriating money.
1.4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.5	Section 1. ACCESSIBLE HOUSING TASK FORCE.
1.6	Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7	the meanings given.
1.8	(b) "Accessible housing" means housing that is designed, constructed, or modified to
1.9	enable persons with disabilities to live independently. Accessible housing may be made
1.10	accessible through design or additional features, such as modified bathrooms, cabinetry,
1.11	appliances, furniture, space, shelves, or cupboards that improve the overall ability of persons
1.12	with disabilities to function in the housing.
1.13	(c) "Person with a disability" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section
1.14	<u>256.481.</u>
1.15	Subd. 2. Establishment of task force. An Accessible Housing Task Force is established
1.16	<u>to:</u>
1.17	(1) examine the housing experiences of persons with disabilities, including their
1.18	experiences seeking accessible housing or independent housing;
1.19	(2) examine the practices of housing providers related to accessible housing and
1.20	independent housing and the issues preventing housing providers from providing accessible
1.21	housing or independent housing units; and

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2.1	(3) recommend legislation to increase the supply of safe and affordable, accessible				
2.2	housing and independent housing units.				
2.3	Subd. 3. Membership. (a)	The task force consists of the	he following memb	pers appointed	
2.4	by the governor:				
2.5	(1) five persons with disab	ilities who have experience	d a lack of accessib	ole housing;	
2.6	(2) two parents of adult pe	rsons who have experienced	l a lack of affordab	le housing;	
2.7	(3) one representative of the	ne Minnesota Council on Di	<u>sability;</u>		
2.8	(4) one representative of A	rc Minnesota;			
2.9	(5) one representative of the	ne Minnesota Consortium fo	or Citizens with Dis	sabilities;	
2.10	(6) one representative of the	ne Minnesota Housing Finar	nce Agency;		
2.11	(7) one representative of the	ne Minnesota Department of	f Human Services;		
2.12	(8) one representative of the	ne Minnesota Department of	f Health;		
2.13	(9) one staff person working	ng in a housing stabilization	services program;		
2.14	(10) one representative of	a housing contractor who ha	as built accessible h	nousing;	
2.15	(11) one representative of a	housing developer who has	developed property	y that includes	
2.16	accessible housing;				
2.17	(12) one representative of a	an agency that helps find hou	using for people wit	th disabilities;	
2.18	and				
2.19	(13) two representatives of	f organizations or groups wh	10 advocate for per	sons with	
2.20	disabilities.				
2.21	(b) Appointments must be	made no later than July 1, 2	2024, and must incl	ude	
2.22	representatives of both the me	tropolitan area and greater 1	Minnesota.		
2.23	(c) Task force members m	ust serve without compensa	tion, except for pub	olic members.	
2.24	Members eligible for compensa	ation must receive expenses a	as provided in Minn	esota Statutes,	
2.25	section 15.059, subdivision 6.				
2.26	(d) Vacancies must be fille	d by the governor consisten	t with the qualifica	tions of the	
2.27	vacating member required by	this subdivision.			
2.28	Subd. 4. Meetings; officer	rs. (a) The Minnesota Housin	ng Finance Agency	shall convene	
2.29	the first meeting of the task for	ce no later than August 15, 2	2024, and shall prov	ide accessible	
2.30	physical or virtual meeting spa	ace as necessary for the task	force to conduct it	ts work.	

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3.1	(b) At its first meeting, the task force shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among the
3.2	task force members and may elect other officers as necessary.
3.3	(c) The task force shall meet according to a schedule determined by the members or
3.4	upon the call of the task force's chair. The task force must meet as often as necessary to
3.5	accomplish the duties under subdivision 5.
3.6	(d) Meetings of the task force are subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.
3.7	Subd. 5. Duties. (a) The task force must seek input from:
3.8	(1) individuals who are experiencing or who have experienced the lack of affordable,
3.9	accessible housing;
3.10	(2) providers of accessible housing; and
3.11	(3) any other persons or organizations with experience or expertise in affordable,
3.12	accessible housing.
3.13	(b) The task force must:
3.14	(1) research and analyze how other states, cities, and counties address a lack of affordable,
3.15	accessible housing; and
3.16	(2) develop recommendations to establish statewide education on affordable, accessible
3.17	housing to ensure that local units of government include affordable, accessible housing and
3.18	affordable housing policies in local planning.
3.19	Subd. 6. Report. (a) No later than February 1, 2025, the task force shall submit an initial
3.20	report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions
3.21	with jurisdiction over housing on the findings and recommendations of the task force for
3.22	improving the supply, quality, and affordability of accessible housing statewide.
3.23	(b) No later than August 31, 2025, the task force shall submit a final report to the chairs
3.24	and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction
3.25	over housing on the findings and recommendations in paragraph (a).
3.26	Subd. 7. Expiration. The task force expires the day following submission of the final
3.27	report under subdivision 6.
3.28	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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4.1 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION; ACCESSIBLE HOUSING TASK FOR
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- 4.2 <u>\$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of</u>
- 4.3 the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Accessible Housing Task Force. This is a
- 4.4 <u>onetime appropriation.</u>