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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, PROBST, HANBIDGE, SCHLOSSBERG, T. DAVIS,  
KHAN, MADDEN, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, GALLAGHER, HOWARD, CIRESI,  
BOROWSKI, GREEN AND KRAJEWSKI, OCTOBER 2, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
OCTOBER 2, 2023

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 study on the availability, type and demand for supportive  
3 housing.

4 WHEREAS, Supportive housing is a cost-effective combination  
5 of affordable housing with services that helps provide  
6 individuals with stability and a path toward recovery; and

7 WHEREAS, Supportive housing can benefit vulnerable  
8 individuals and families struggling with very low incomes,  
9 chronic health conditions, issues with substance abuse, mental  
10 illness, homelessness or at risk of homelessness; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2021, 12.1% of Pennsylvania's population lived  
12 below the poverty line; and

13 WHEREAS, There were 447,000 adults in Pennsylvania with a  
14 serious mental illness in 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, As of 2022, an estimated 13,375 individuals are  
16 experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2020, there were 5,168 overdose deaths in

1 Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, As of 2023, six in ten Americans live with at least  
3 one chronic disease; and

4 WHEREAS, Research shows that supportive housing has positive  
5 effects on housing stability, incarceration rates, mental and  
6 physical health and health care savings; and

7 WHEREAS, It is important for the Commonwealth to assess  
8 supportive housing as an option for those in Pennsylvania  
9 struggling and living in unstable conditions; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
11 State Government Commission to study supportive housing options,  
12 including both temporary and permanent supportive housing, the  
13 availability of supportive housing and the demand for both  
14 temporary and permanent supportive housing; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission provide  
16 policy recommendations and objectives for medium and long-term  
17 needs of supportive housing in this Commonwealth to enable the  
18 General Assembly to plan for future supportive housing demand;  
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a  
21 report with its findings and recommendations no later than 18  
22 months after the adoption of this resolution to the President  
23 pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the  
25 Senate and the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House  
26 of Representatives.