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House of Representatives, January 7, 2026

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3241, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 495, §2, is amended to read:

5. Municipal housing data reporting. By January March 31st of each year, a municipality with 4,000 or more residents shall provide to the office for use in administering the program an annual a report of that includes the following information from the prior calendar year:

A. Residential The number of residential units approved through residential building permit applications, including the number of applications submitted, approved and denied, categorized into single family, single family with the following residential building types: accessory dwelling unit, 2-to-4 family and more than 4 family homes single-family housing unit, 2-unit housing, 3-to-4-unit housing and housing with 5 or more units. The number of units that are income-restricted must also be reported if known;

B. The number of dwelling units ~~permitted and demolished~~ approved for demolition; and

C. The number of residential units approved through certificates of occupancy or other final approvals of housing units issued, the number of those housing units affordable to persons or families whose incomes are 80% or less of the area median income as determined by the Maine State Housing Authority and the number of those housing units affordable to persons or families whose incomes are from 81% to 120% of the area median income as determined by the Maine State Housing Authority categorized into the following residential building types: accessory dwelling unit, single-family housing unit, 2-unit housing, 3-to-4-unit housing and housing with 5 or more units.

As used in this subsection, "accessory dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 4301, subsection 1-C.

The office shall encourage municipalities with fewer than 4,000 residents to report the information required by this subsection.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the municipal housing information that must be provided to the Maine Office of Community Affairs by municipalities with 4,000 or more residents. It also changes the timing of the report and directs the office to encourage municipalities with fewer than 4,000 residents to report the same information.