



THE 21st CENTURY ROAD TO HOUSING: OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY THAT MAKES PROGRAMS WORK

TOPLINE: The *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act* demands accountability from federal housing programs, with a focus on increasing housing supply and strengthening oversight mechanisms across agencies.

That's why the *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act* includes strong oversight and performance measures, aligned with President Trump's focus on accountability across the federal bureaucracy:

- **Reforms to Housing Counseling:** Adds oversight, performance reviews, and consequences for housing counseling agencies that fail to meet standards, and ensures first-time homebuyers get responsible guidance, not bad advice.
- **Permanent Authorization of the CDBG-DR Program:** Permanently authorizes the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse of disaster relief at HUD.
- **Annual Testimony and Oversight of Housing Regulators:** Requires regular oversight and testimony, so regulators stay accountable to Congress and the public.
- **New Moving to Work Cohort:** Authorizes a new Moving to Work cohort to provide selected policy flexibility for 25 public housing agencies to help improve HUD-subsidized housing and encourage economic mobility.
- **FHA Safety and Soundness Reporting:** Requires routine reporting to improve transparency and accountability around FHA's financial health and risk management.
- **USICH Oversight:** Strengthens oversight of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness to ensure coordination produces results, not bureaucracy and waste.
- **Self-Sufficiency in HUD-Subsidized Housing Study:** Directs HUD to study the benefits and challenges of work requirements implemented by PHAs, reinforcing the principle that assistance should be a hand up, not a permanent dependency.
- **Request for Information:** Directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study access to affordable housing by middle-income households, improvements to housing for elderly and disabled residents in HUD programs, housing near EPA-designated "Superfund sites," and residential heirs' property.

Bottom line: The *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act* doesn't just aim to make housing more affordable. It ensures the federal government is measuring outcomes, enforcing standards, and protecting taxpayers, while keeping the focus on upward mobility and self-sufficiency.