

## S 1621

Livable Communities Act of 2011

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 22, 2011
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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 22, 2011
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Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Sep 22, 2011
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 3, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3325	Identical bill	Jan 12, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy and Technology.

Summary (as of Sep 22, 2011)

Livable Communities Act of 2011 - Establishes in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC).

Requires the OSHC Director to establish a program to make comprehensive planning grants to eligible entities (partnerships between a consortium of units of general local government and an eligible partner or an Indian tribe that meets specified requirements). Defines "eligible partner" as a metropolitan planning organization, a rural planning organization, or a regional council, or one of these and a state, an Indian tribe, a state and an Indian tribe, or an institution of higher education.

Requires the use of a comprehensive planning grant to carry out a project to: (1) coordinate locally defined planning processes, across jurisdictions and agencies; (2) identify regional partnerships for developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan; (3) conduct or update assessments to determine regional needs and promote economic and community development; (4) develop or update a comprehensive regional plan or goals and strategies to implement an existing comprehensive regional plan and other related activities; and (5) identify local zoning and other code changes necessary to implement a comprehensive regional plan and promote sustainable development.

Requires the use of a community challenge grant to: (1) promote integrated planning and investments across policy and governmental jurisdictions, and (2) implement projects identified in a comprehensive regional plan.

Authorizes the Secretary of HUD to make or guarantee (up to 75% of) loans to eligible governmental, corporate, or partnership borrowers for infrastructure development projects used to support transit-oriented development.

Requires the Director of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control to lead the federal initiative to support healthy housing and eradicate housing-related health hazards.

Requires the Secretary to study how sustainable building features in housing, such as energy efficiency, affect: (1) the quality of the indoor environment, (2) the prevalence of housing-related health hazards, and (3) the health of such occupants.

States that no housing assisted using a grant under this Act may be made available to an individual who is not lawfully present in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 22, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5913-5914)
- **Sep 22, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5914-5919)