

Sec. 20. TASK FORCE ON HOMEOWNERS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. A task force is established to evaluate issues and provide recommendations relating to insurance affordability of single-family housing, common interest communities, and multifamily rental housing and for preventing disruptions or loss to the development, preservation, and long-term sustainability of Minnesota's housing infrastructure.

Subd. 2. Membership. (a) The task force consists of the following:

- (1) one member appointed by the commissioner of commerce;
- (2) one member appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the speaker emerita of the house;
- (3) one member appointed jointly by the senate majority leader and the senate minority leader;
- (4) one member appointed by the Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers;
- (5) two members appointed by the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, including one member with expertise in homeowners insurance and one member with expertise in commercial insurance;
- (6) one member appointed by Big I Minnesota;
- (7) one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Farm Mutual Insurance Companies;
- (8) one member appointed by the Community Associations Institute;
- (9) one member appointed by the Contractors Association of Minnesota;
- (10) one member appointed by the Minnesota Multi Housing Association;
- (11) one member appointed by the Housing Justice Center; and
- (12) one member appointed by Ceres with expertise in climate risk mitigation and insurance markets.

(b) The appointing authorities must make the appointments by August 15, 2025.

Subd. 3. Duties. (a) The task force must identify recommendations to strengthen and stabilize the homeowners and commercial property insurance industry.

(b) The task force must consult with the commissioner of the Housing Finance Agency, the commissioner of employment and economic development, other relevant state and local agencies, and key stakeholders in the insurance and housing industries.

(c) The task force must review:

(1) risk mitigation and property resilience to natural hazards, and the effect on insurance costs;

(2) the effect of liability laws on insurance costs and whether tort reform could reduce costs;

(3) minimum notice for coverage changes, including enforcement and oversight;

(4) public reporting of aggregated data relating to insurance plan costs and coverage;

(5) the reinsurance market for homeowners and commercial property insurance;

(6) the current state-supported insurance program and the potential to expand the program to include a catastrophic reinsurance fund and a self-insured pool;

(7) factors that increase claim costs, including but not limited to post-loss contractors, fraudulent claims, climate, inflation, and discontinued building materials;

(8) regulatory factors that increase insurance costs or decrease access to insurance products; and

(9) other areas that would strengthen and stabilize the homeowners and commercial property insurance industry.

Subd. 4. Administration. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative support to the task force. Upon request of the task force, the commissioners of commerce, the Housing Finance Agency, and employment and economic development must provide technical support and expertise.

Subd. 5. Meetings. (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must ensure the first

meeting of the task force convenes no later than September 15, 2025, and must provide accessible physical or virtual meeting space as necessary for the task force to conduct work.

(b) At the first meeting, the task force must elect a chair or cochair from the members appointed by the house and senate by a majority vote of those members present and may elect a vice-chair as necessary.

(c) The task force must establish a schedule for meetings and must meet as necessary to accomplish the duties under subdivision 3.

(d) The task force is subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

Subd. 6. Report required. (a) The task force must submit a report to the commissioners of commerce, the Housing Finance Agency, and employment and economic development and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees having jurisdiction over the agencies listed in this paragraph by February 15, 2026.

(b) The report must:

- (1) summarize the activities of the task force;
- (2) provide findings and recommendations adopted by the task force;
- (3) make recommendations related to tort reform that could reduce insurance costs;
- (4) include any draft legislation required to implement recommendations; and
- (5) include other information the task force believes is necessary to report.

Subd. 7. Expiration. The task force expires upon submission of the report required under subdivision 6.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.