

- SUBJECT:** Allowing El Paso's housing authority to build in New Mexico
- COMMITTEE:** Urban Affairs — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Button, Shaheen, J. González, Goodwin, E. Johnson, Middleton, Morales, Patterson, Swanson
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Arthur Provenghi, Housing Authority of the City of El Paso;
(*Registered, but did not testify:* Mark Smith, Mark Smith Public Affairs)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Local Government Code sec. 392.017(b) authorizes a municipal housing authority to undertake a housing project outside of the municipal boundaries only under certain circumstances.
- Sec. 392.059(b) allows a housing authority to cooperate with another housing authority, a municipality, a county, another political subdivision of this state, or the state in exercising certain powers relating to the building and operating of a housing project in order to provide affordable housing.
- Interested parties have suggested that New Mexico contract with the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso to provide affordable housing to New Mexico residents who live near El Paso.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2288 would allow a municipal housing authority that operated in a county with a population of 800,000 or more and was located on the international border (Housing Authority of the City of El Paso) to undertake a housing project in a political subdivision that was located outside Texas and was contiguous to the county containing the municipality for which the authority was created.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

