

**SUBJECT:** Amending criteria for low income housing regarding air conditioning

**COMMITTEE:** Urban Affairs — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 6 ayes — Lozano, Bernal, Cortez, Cunningham, J. González, Hayes  
0 nays  
3 absent — Gates, Romero, Tepper

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Erin Hahn, Texas Housers; Julie Wheeler, Travis County Commissioners Court; Ashley Harris, United Ways of Texas)  
  
Against — None  
  
On — Robbye Meyer (*Registered, but did not testify:* Whitney Parra, TAAHP)

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that requiring the application for a low-income housing tax credit to include criteria for scoring on the basis that units contained air conditioning could increase access to air conditioning in low-income housing.

**DIGEST:** HB 191 would add criteria to the bottom of the list prioritized in descending order of applications for a low-income housing tax credit. The new criteria would be whether, at the time the complete application was submitted, all units owned by the applicant were equipped with air conditioning.  
  
If an applicant requested a written statement of support from the state representative who represented the district containing the proposed development site, the request from the applicant would have to include information disclosing the percentage of units owned by the applicant that were equipped with air conditioning.

In assigning points to an application, TDHCA would award positive points if all units owned by the applicant were equipped with air conditioning and negative points if any of the units were not equipped.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023, and only would apply to an application for low income housing tax credits that were submitted to TDHCA during an application cycle based on the 2024 qualified allocation plan or subsequent plan adopted by the governing board of TDHCA.