

119TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1203

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 31, 2025

Mr. GALLEGO (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Housing Vouchers  
5       Fairness Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR HIGH GROWTH POPU-**  
7       **LATION AREAS.**

8       Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of  
9       1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) is amended by adding at the  
10      end the following:

1           “(23) RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR HIGH GROWTH  
2       POPULATION AREAS.—

3           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,  
4       each year, using amounts appropriated pursu-  
5       ant to subparagraph (B), provide additional as-  
6       sistance in an equitable manner to each eligible  
7       public housing agency for tenant-based assist-  
8       ance, based on the population in the area  
9       served by the public housing agency, the extent  
10      to which existing voucher allocations of the eli-  
11      gible public housing agency do not meet its  
12      housing affordability needs, and historical  
13      shortfalls in providing assistance to such eligi-  
14      ble public housing agency as a result of voucher  
15      formula allocations not keeping pace with popu-  
16      lation growth over the period identified in sub-  
17      paragraph (C)(ii).

18          “(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
19      TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-  
20      priated to Secretary to carry out this paragraph  
21      \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2025, which  
22      shall be available for renewals in each fiscal  
23      year thereafter until expended.

24          “(C) ELIGIBLE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY  
25      DEFINED.—For the purposes of this paragraph,

1 the term ‘eligible public housing agency’ means  
2 a public housing agency that administers Fed-  
3 eral housing assistance for an area that, as de-  
4 termined by the Secretary—

5 “(i) has a population of greater than  
6 100,000; and

7 “(ii) is one of 25 areas in the United  
8 States that experienced the highest popu-  
9 lation growth between 2012 to 2022.”.

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