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SB 654 Passes Senate (34-1) with Bipartisan Support

Urgency Clause Stripped Out -- We Have Work to Do!



First, the good news . . . SB 654 Passed the Senate with bipartisan support!

SB 654 passed the Senate on a bipartisan 34-1 vote and is now on its way to the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee (and then on to the Assembly Appropriations Committee).

But . . . We have work to do!

Before the Senate passed SB 654, the Senate Republican Caucus offered hostile amendments that would clean up other provisions of AB 26x. The Democratic Majority rejected the amendments. The bill then failed to pass due to a lack of Republican support. Senator Steinberg then stripped the bill of the urgency clause (needed to ensure the bill would take effect immediately once signed by the governor), and it passed 34-1.

Next steps

Senator Steinberg may ask the Assembly to amend the urgency clause back into the bill; however, he also mentioned that he may turn the bill into a budget trailer bill, which would only need a majority vote AND would still take effect immediately once signed by the governor. If the Assembly does pass the bill with an urgency clause, it will need to go back to the Senate.

- **Take Action:** We have **NEW** online letters targeting the Assembly committee members.
 - Letter for individuals.
 - Letter for organizations WITH affected developments.
 - Letter for organizations WITHOUT affected developments.
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