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**Support For Assembly Bill (AB) 1738: Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program**

One of the major barriers to rehousing people is obtaining needed documentation, including state ID cards.

Several programs serve to house people experiencing homelessness. These include supportive housing, which often combines federal, state, and local financing to build and operate deeply affordable housing paired with supportive services. Other resources include rapid re-housing programs, in which a person experiencing homelessness leases a unit from a private market landlord, with a public rental subsidy and case management supporting their tenancy in the housing unit.

Because of federal, state, and local oversight of these programs, along with requirements from property managers and landlords, people experiencing homelessness usually need valid identification to participate in these programs. However, for someone experiencing homelessness, it can be extremely challenging to retain their identification; frequent movement between locations, seizing of personal

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property by municipal authorities, and theft on the street all contribute to challenges in retaining needed documents.

While many people experiencing homelessness often visit the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for needed documents, few DMV offices or homeless outreach organizations have the resources and time to assist large numbers of people experiencing homelessness to obtain needed documentation. Often, homeless outreach workers take people one or two at a time in their vehicles to a local DMV office. Additionally, waiting in lengthy lines at the DMV may be a challenging experience for someone experiencing homelessness because of either previous trauma, current mental health challenges, or anxiety over leaving their property unattended on the street for an extended period.

AB 1738 would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish the Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program in specified areas to assist persons experiencing homelessness with obtaining an identification card. The Mobile Homeless Connect Pilot Program will speed up the process of rehousing individuals experiencing homelessness by processing document and identification requests at interim housing sites and targeted encampments.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to support Assembly Bill 1738.

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