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Title: Livable **Communities** Act of 2009

Sponsor: [Sen Dodd, Christopher J.](#) [CT] (introduced 8/6/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (19)

Related Bills: [H.R.4690](#)

Latest Major Action: 8/3/2010 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

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**SUMMARY AS OF:**

8/6/2009--Introduced.

Livable **Communities** Act of 2009 - Establishes in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) an Office of Sustainable Housing and **Communities** (OSHC).

Establishes in the executive branch an independent Interagency Council on Sustainable **Communities**.

Requires the OSHC Director to establish a program to make comprehensive planning grants and sustainability challenge grants to eligible entities (partnerships between a consortium of units of general local government and an eligible partner, which may be a metropolitan planning organization, a rural planning organization, a regional council, or a state).

Requires the use of a comprehensive planning grant to carry out a project to: (1) coordinate land use, housing, transportation, and infrastructure planning processes across jurisdictions and agencies; (2) identify potential regional partnerships for developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan; (3) conduct or update housing, infrastructure, transportation, energy, and environmental assessments to determine regional needs and promote sustainable development; (4) develop or update a comprehensive regional plan or goals and strategies to implement an existing comprehensive regional plan; and (5) implement local zoning and other code changes necessary to implement a comprehensive regional plan and promote sustainable development.

Requires the use of a sustainability challenge grant to: (1) promote integrated transportation, housing, energy, and economic development activities carried out across policy and governmental jurisdictions; (2) promote sustainable and location-efficient development; and (3) implement projects identified in a comprehensive regional plan.

Directs the OSHC Director to study and report to specified congressional committees on incentives for encouraging lenders to make, and homebuyers and homeowners to participate in, energy-efficient mortgages and location-efficient mortgages.

MAJOR ACTIONS:

NONE

ALL ACTIONS:**8/6/2009:**

Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR [S9017-9018](#))

8/6/2009:

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

6/9/2010:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.

8/3/2010:

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

TITLE(S): *(italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill)*

NONE

COSPONSORS(19), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

Sen Akaka, Daniel K. [HI] - 8/6/2009	Sen Bennet, Michael F. [CO] - 8/6/2009
Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH] - 8/5/2010	Sen Cardin, Benjamin L. [MD] - 6/17/2010
Sen Durbin, Richard [IL] - 8/5/2010	Sen Franken, Al [MN] - 1/28/2010
Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY] - 5/24/2010	Sen Harkin, Tom [IA] - 11/6/2009
Sen Landrieu, Mary L. [LA] - 10/27/2009	Sen Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ] - 6/10/2010
Sen Levin, Carl [MI] - 7/12/2010	Sen Lieberman, Joseph I. [CT] - 3/16/2010
Sen Menendez, Robert [NJ] - 8/6/2009	Sen Merkley, Jeff [OR] - 8/6/2009
Sen Reed, Jack [RI] - 6/8/2010	Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY] - 8/6/2009
Sen Specter, Arlen [PA] - 6/17/2010	Sen Warner, Mark R. [VA] - 8/5/2010
Sen Wyden, Ron [OR] - 5/18/2010	

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:

[Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs](#)

Activity:

Referral, Hearings, Markup, In Committee

RELATED BILL DETAILS: (additional related bills may be identified in Status)

Bill:

[H.R.4690](#)

Relationship:

Related bill identified by CRS

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

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