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To expand the Moving to Work and Rental Assistance demonstration programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

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 Assistance
5 Reform Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MOVING TO WORK DEMONSTRATION**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Housing and
9 Urban Development (in this section referred to as the

1 “Secretary”) may increase, pursuant to this section, the
2 number of public housing agencies authorized to partici-
3 pate in the Moving to Work demonstration program au-
4 thorized under section 204 of the Departments of Vet-
5 erans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and
6 Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public
7 Law 104–134; 110 Stat. 1321) by adding to the program
8 not more than 60 public housing agencies, for a total of
9 not more than 300,000 housing vouchers and public hous-
10 ing units, over 5 years, to test and rigorously evaluate in-
11 novative models for improving economic self-sufficiency,
12 mobility, academic performance, and other outcomes for
13 tenants assisted by the Department of Housing and Urban
14 Development.

15 (b) ELIGIBLE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.—Public
16 housing agencies selected for participation in the Moving
17 to Work demonstration program pursuant to the expan-
18 sion authorized under subsection (a)—

19 (1) shall be high-capacity public housing agen-
20 cies, the definition of which shall include—

21 (A) a designation as a high performer
22 under the public housing assessment system
23 and the section 8 management assessment pro-
24 gram, as applicable; and

1 (B) a voucher utilization rate of at least 90
2 percent of voucher funds, as defined by the Sec-
3 retary, for the duration of participation in the
4 program;

5 (2) may include a consortia of public housing
6 agencies of an appropriate size, as determined by the
7 Secretary;

8 (3) shall represent, to the extent feasible based
9 on eligible applications, a diverse range of public
10 housing agencies, with respect to geographical juris-
11 diction and size, to allow innovative policies to be
12 tested in different contexts; and

13 (4) shall not receive more funding under section
14 8 or 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
15 (42 U.S.C. 1437f, 1437g) than such agencies other-
16 wise would have received absent such designation.

17 (c) RENEWAL.—With respect to public housing agen-
18 cies participating in the Moving to Work demonstration
19 program before the enactment of this Act, upon the expi-
20 ration of the Moving to Work agreement for any such
21 agency that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
22 ment determines has complied with the terms of such
23 agreement, the Secretary shall extend the Moving to Work
24 agreement of the agency under such terms as are in effect
25 upon the date of expiration of the agreement and shall

1 not alter the formula allocation for funding for such agen-
2 cy.

3 (d) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall establish criteria
4 and program requirements to carry out this section by no-
5 tice published in the Federal Register, after an oppor-
6 tunity for public comment.

7 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRA-**
8 **TION PROGRAM.**

9 The fourth proviso in the heading “Rental Assistance
10 Demonstration” in title II of the Transportation, Housing
11 and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appro-
12 priations Act, 2012 (division C of Public Law 112–55; 125
13 Stat. 673), as amended by section 234 of division K of
14 Public Law 113–235 (128 Stat. 2757), is amended by
15 striking “not more than 185,000 units currently receiving
16 assistance under section 9 or section 8(e)(2) of the Act
17 shall be converted” and inserting “there shall not be any
18 numerical limitation on the number of units currently re-
19 ceiving assistance under section 9 or section 8(e)(2) of the
20 Act that may be converted”.

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