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**Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Act**

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## S.1688 & H.R.3507

**Bill Sponsor(s)** Rep. Derek Kilmer  
(D-WA) and Rep. Mike Flood  
(R-NE)

Sen. Brian Schatz  
(D-HI) and Sen. Todd Young  
(R-IN)

### Cosponsors

**Senate:** 3 total cosponsors (1 Rs, 2 Ds)  
**House:** 31 total cosponsors (7 Rs, 24 Ds)

### Background

Sen. Young first introduced the Yes In My Backyard Act in 2019 and reintroduced the legislation in 2021. Following the 2021 reintroduction, the YIMBY Act was selected by the National Taxpayers Union for their 11th Annual No Brainers List as a bipartisan, common-sense solution to a problem facing taxpayers.

### Key Provisions

- This bill requires certain Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) program recipients to submit to HUD information regarding their implementation of certain land-use policies, such as policies for expanding high-density single-family and multifamily zoning.
- Some of the policies encouraged by the bill, include enacting high-density single-family and multifamily zoning, allowing manufactured homes in areas zoned primarily for single-family residential homes, reducing minimum lot size, and allowing single-room occupancy development wherever multifamily housing is allowed.
- This requirement would provide more transparency for citizens, lawmakers, academics, and others to understand and in some cases, critique, a community's rationale for not adopting anti-discriminatory housing policies. By using this approach, the bill avoids encroaching on the rights of states and localities to set zoning policies, but conditions federal funds on transparency about their rationale when choosing not to remove or reform harmful land use regulations.

### Status and Outlook

**NAHMA supports** the passage of the **YIMBY Act**. In FY23, Congress authorized \$85 million for HUD's [Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing \(PRO Housing\)](#) and HUD published a NOFO in Oct. 2023, which closed in early November. The PRO Housing program implements a similar policy approach, as outlined in the YIMBY Act. Passage of the YIMBY Act appears unlikely at this moment, as NAHMA expects Congress to evaluate the success of HUD's PRO Housing program. A press release of the YIMBY Act can be found [here](#). **Please ask your lawmakers to support the passage of YIMBY Act!!!**