

Memorandum

To: House General Housing and Military Affairs,
House Appropriations,
Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs,
Senate Appropriations

From: Ken Schatz, Commissioner, DCF 

Date: December 8th, 2014

Subject: Extension request on legislative housing report deadline

Please note that the Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division has a legislative report due biannually on 1/15 and 7/15. This report is requested through the 2013 Act 50 Sec E. 321.2 (c) or H. 530 and is entitled "Report on statewide statistics related to use of emergency housing vouchers during the preceding calendar ½ year" and requires six months' of combined data from 12 district offices.

The biannual January report requires December data and the July report requires June data. The districts send the numbers to central office to compile as quickly as possible, however this is not possible exactly on the first of either month. We are requesting that the deadlines for these reports be pushed out two weeks (to the 31st of the respective months) allowing the data to come to central office, for central office to compile and analyze that data, and to write the report.

December data is vital to the January report as it is typically a high Cold Weather Exception month and can swing the statistics quite a bit. Allowing the proper time to congregate and analyze the data will give the legislature a more complete picture of how Vermont is managing its emergency housing vouchers across the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this report deadline change.

