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## HIGH STAKES FOR THE HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM IN THE 2006 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

### Estimated Housing Voucher Cuts In 2006 Under House And Senate Bills

#### National Summary Table

The table below displays estimates of the number of vouchers that housing agencies in each state would need to cut under the 2006 HUD funding bills passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The key national findings are:

- Under the **House bill**, housing agencies would have to cut **27,900 vouchers**.
- Under the **Senate bill**, housing agencies would have to cut **11,900 vouchers**.

The cuts would occur at the same time that other agencies would receive more funding than they need to cover vouchers now being used. Indeed, because of a flawed formula the House bill would provide many agencies with more funding than they need to cover all of the vouchers they are legally permitted to issue. Because of this waste, the House bill imposes larger cuts even though it provides more funding for voucher renewals than the Senate bill.

- If the **Senate bill were funded at the same level as the House bill**, housing agencies would have to cut **6,000 vouchers**.

For further information on the potential cuts and other issues raised by the House and Senate bills, see <http://www.cbpp.org/8-24-05hous.htm>.

State	Total Authorized Vouchers	Vouchers in Use Assisting Families According to Recent HUD Data	Reductions in Families Assisted at Agencies Facing Cuts in 2006		
			House Bill	Senate Bill	House Funding Level with Senate Formula
Alabama	29,510	27,256	-482	-298	-164
Alaska	4,089	3,994	-233	-81	-54
Arizona	20,308	19,355	-157	-123	-67
Arkansas	22,673	21,545	-352	-131	-71
California	295,469	289,580	-1,591	-598	-215
Colorado	27,905	27,181	-490	-170	-58
Connecticut	34,946	32,814	-600	-209	-116
Delaware	4,264	4,078	-24	-12	-5
District of Columbia	10,147	10,147	-216	-94	-22
Florida	90,079	84,569	-1,143	-870	-572

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Georgia	50,349	48,369	-864	-226	-65
Hawaii	12,029	10,347	-231	-127	-85
Idaho	6,463	6,267	-240	-118	-75
Illinois	90,529	86,213	-1,340	-639	-231
Indiana	37,429	34,671	-577	-218	-109
Iowa	21,518	20,628	-211	-60	-12
Kansas	11,666	10,549	-261	-59	-31
Kentucky	31,910	30,864	-717	-195	-78
Louisiana	38,198	34,404	-585	-232	-130
Maine	12,339	11,708	-114	-23	-9
Maryland	39,658	37,763	-516	-230	-82
Massachusetts	71,393	69,265	-722	-244	-85
Michigan	49,428	44,039	-359	-120	-65
Minnesota	30,643	29,114	-181	-82	-66
Mississippi	18,472	17,194	-199	-92	-65
Missouri	41,056	37,994	-381	-147	-77
Montana	5,683	5,426	-15	-8	-5
Nebraska	11,501	10,850	-138	-43	-14
Nevada	12,100	11,576	-71	-38	-5
New Hampshire	9,076	8,775	-35	-17	-2
New Jersey	64,725	61,430	-899	-394	-276
New Mexico	13,910	13,077	-107	-88	-46
New York	207,957	197,973	-4,545	-2,176	-1,220
North Carolina	54,979	52,675	-624	-272	-155
North Dakota	7,460	7,155	-81	-43	-20
Ohio	87,332	82,953	-717	-265	-95
Oklahoma	22,823	22,378	-908	-137	-38
Oregon	31,081	30,151	-387	-221	-146
Pennsylvania	82,254	78,509	-1,303	-515	-205
Puerto Rico	30,333	27,451	-543	-250	-140
Rhode Island	9,426	8,312	-227	-119	-94
South Carolina	24,031	22,773	-424	-127	-76
South Dakota	5,769	5,476	-67	-40	-15
Tennessee	31,286	29,578	-293	-99	-24
Texas	140,834	134,765	-2,165	-743	-388
Utah	10,293	9,843	-62	-34	-15
Vermont	5,682	5,544	-7	-6	-2
Virginia	44,358	40,846	-475	-147	-76
Washington	44,955	43,825	-546	-337	-138
West Virginia	14,788	13,860	-155	-112	-62
Wisconsin	27,996	26,783	-257	-229	-139
Wyoming	2,208	2,052	-50	-2	-2

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U.S. Total*	2,109,372	2,007,517	-27,889	-11,866	-6,004

\*National totals include U.S. territories that are not listed on the table.

*Note on Estimates:* Estimates of reductions at agencies facing cuts are calculated from projections of average voucher costs and the number of authorized vouchers that will be in use in 2006 based on data through January 2005. Estimated cuts in assistance reflect reductions below the average number of authorized vouchers in use from May 2004-January 2005, the most recent 9 months for which data are available. The data shown in the table on the number of authorized vouchers are from July 2005.

In some cases, housing agencies could respond to funding reductions by cutting assistance through steps other than reducing the number of families assisted, but these steps would also harm low-income families. For example, agencies could reduce the amount of rent a voucher can cover, but this would make it more difficult for families to rent apartments outside the lowest-rent neighborhoods — which often have high crime, poor schools, and few jobs. For additional information on the assumptions used in making these estimates, see the technical appendix available on the internet at <http://www.cbpp.org/8-24-05hous.htm>.