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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill appropriates money for the Bridges rental housing assistance program. Bridges provides a rental subsidy for persons with serious and persistent mental illness who may or may not also be long-term homeless. Participants must be eligible to receive a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher subsidy or currently on Section 8 waiting lists. The Bridges program is administered to participants by the local housing agency in communities where eligible applicants live. Referral to the program must be made by a mental health professional.

#### Section

- 1 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$3.4 million for the 2010-11 biennium from the general fund to the Housing Finance Agency for the Bridges rental housing assistance program. Makes this appropriation in addition to any base appropriations for this purpose and makes this appropriation become part of the base.