

technology uses sensor data and a trained neural network to predict and apply individualized torque profiles, enabling more natural, efficient, and responsive gait assistance across users with varying biomechanics.

This Notice is in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404 and the intellectual property rights have been assigned to the Government of the United States of America.

*NIH Reference Number:* E-121-2013.

*Product Type:* Powered gait assistance systems for robotic orthotic devices, powered orthoses, and exoskeleton devices and methods of control.

*Therapeutic Area(s):* Gait assistance systems.

*Potential Commercial Applications:*

- Lower-limb exoskeletons for mobility assistance.
- Rehabilitation robotics for neurological or orthopedic conditions.
- Assistive devices for aging or mobility-impaired populations.
- Wearable robotic devices for load-bearing assistance in military or industrial applications.

*Competitive Advantages:*

- Personalized assistance without lengthy calibration.
- Improved gait naturalness and user comfort.
- Scalable across users and device platforms.
- Compatible with real-time sensor data streams.

*Patent Status:* A PCT application was filed on September 20, 2024.

*Development Stage:* Prototype.

*Collaboration Opportunity:*

Researchers at the CC seek licensees for powered gait assistance systems and associated computing environments and methods of control in certain fields of use.

Dated: February 10, 2026.

**Richard U. Rodriguez,**

*Associate Director, Technology Transfer Center, National Cancer Institute.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7109-N-01; OMB Control No.: 2577-0169]

### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Housing Choice Voucher Program and Tribal HUD-VASH

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: April 14, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection can be sent within 60 days of publication of this notice to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal and comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Eva Fulton, Program Analyst, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 3180, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eva Fulton, Program Analyst, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Eva Fulton at [pih-prapubliccomments@hud.gov](mailto:pih-prapubliccomments@hud.gov), telephone (202) 402-5847. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Fulton.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, Project-based Voucher (PBV) Program and Tribal HUD-VASH.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0169.  
*Type of Request* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-50164, HUD-52515, HUD-52517, HUD-52530A Part 1, HUD-52530A Part 2, HUD-52530B Part 1, HUD-52530B Part 2, HUD-52530C, HUD-52531A, HUD-52531B, HUD-52578B, HUD-52580, HUD-52580A, HUD-52641, HUD-52641A,

HUD-52642, HUD-52646, HUD-52649, HUD-52665, HUD-52667, HUD-5980.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Public housing agencies (PHA) apply for funding to assist very low-income families to lease or purchase housing. PHAs maintain records on participant eligibility, unit acceptability, lease and housing assistance payments, and budget and payment documentation. PHAs may also project-base a portion of their vouchers or use their vouchers under the Homeownership Option. The Tribal HUD-VASH program provides rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas.

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is the federal government's major program for assisting low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. The participant may choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program. The Project-based Voucher (PBV) program is a component of the HCV program where the assistance is "attached to the structure," which may be a multifamily building or a single-family property.

PHAs will prepare an application for funding which specifies the number of units requested as well as the PHA's objectives and plans for administering the HCV and PBV programs. The application is reviewed by HUD Headquarters and HUD Field Offices and ranked according to the PHA's administrative capability, the need for housing assistance and other factors specified in a notice of funding opportunity. The PHAs must establish a utility allowance schedule for all utilities and other services. Units must be inspected using HUD prescribed forms to determine if the units meet the housing quality standards (HQS) of the HCV program. Under certain circumstances, if authorized by the PHA, a family may use its voucher to purchase a modest home. Section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA) (42 U.S.C. 1437), as amended by Section 545 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA) and more recently by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-201, 130 Stat. 782) (HOTMA), authorized the merger of the Section 8

tenant-based programs (certificate and voucher programs) into a single market-driven program (entitled the HCV program). Section 8(y) of the USHA, as amended by Section 555 of QHWRA authorized the “homeownership option” under the HCV program.

Under the HCV program, the Department enters into an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with PHAs to assist very low-income families to lease or purchase safe, decent, and affordable housing. PHAs are required to maintain complete and accurate program and accounting records in accordance with HUD requirements; in a manner that permits a speedy and effective audit. PHAs must maintain records on eligibility (e.g., verification of income, disability status and citizenship); records of subsidized units (e.g., unit inspection reports, rent reasonableness documentation, tenant leases and housing assistance payments (HAP) contracts).

Section 8(o)(13) of the USHA allows PHAs to project-base a portion of their tenant-based vouchers. PHAs participating in the PBV program may: (1) enter into a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract with a private owner for existing housing projects; or (2) pursuant to the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule published on May 7, 2024 (89 FR 38224), have the option of entering into an agreement governing development activity for newly constructed or rehabilitated housing projects or rather proceeding directly to entering into a HAP contract with a private owner. PHAs may also now allow for development activity to occur after HAP contract execution, subject to execution of a rehabilitated housing rider. For PHA-owned units that are not owned by a separate legal entity from the PHA, the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule gives PHAs the option to execute a PHA-owned agreement certification, a PHA-owned certification, or a PHA-owned rehabilitation housing rider in lieu of executing an Agreement, a PBV HAP contract, or a rehabilitated housing rider, respectively.

The Tribal HUD-VA Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Program provides rental assistance and supportive services to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Indian country. Housing assistance under this program is made available by grants to Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) that are eligible to receive Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4212) (NAHASDA). Tribes request

Tenant-Based and/or Project-Based Rental Assistance by the number of bedrooms in a rental unit. Grants and renewal funds are awarded based on the number of rental units (Tenant-Based and Project-Based Rental Assistance) approved by HUD. Grants include an additional amount for administrative costs and eligible homeless veterans receive case management services through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### *Changes to HUD Forms*

Changes were made to the following HUD forms to comply with current laws, regulations, and executive orders, update definitions, fix typos and update the burden hour language: HUD-52517 Request for Tenancy Approval, HUD-52667 Utility Allowance Schedule, HUD 52641 HAP Contract, Tenant Based Assistance, HUD 52641A Tenancy Addendum, Tenant Based Assistance, HUD 52642 HAP Contract Manufactured Home Space Rental, Tenant Based Assistance, HUD-52646 Voucher, HCV Tenant Based Assistance, HUD-52649 Statement of Homeowner Obligations, HCV Homeownership, HUD-50164 Unexploded Ordnance, HUD-52531A and HUD-52531B Agreement to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payments Contract, HUD-52530A, Part 1 and Part 2 PBV HAP Contract for New Construction or Rehabilitation, HUD-52530B, Part 1 and Part 2 PBV HAP Contract for Existing, HUD-52530C PBV Tenancy Addendum, HUD-52578B PBV Statement of Family Responsibilities.

*HUD-52517 Request for Tenancy Approval*—Added a utility allowance flat fee option (24 CFR 982.517(b)), added a field for owner’s email address.

*HUD-52667 Utility Allowance Schedule*—Added “applicable surcharges” (24 CFR 982.517(b)(2)(ii)).

*HUD 52641 HAP Contract, Tenant Based Assistance*—Added utility flat fee option (24 CFR 982.517(b)) and language to reflect that the PHA may waive the owner’s responsibility for tenant-caused HQS deficiencies (24 CFR 982.404(a)(4)). Added an instruction to select one of two tenancy addendums, as appropriate, and added a second tenancy addendum to the HAP Contract to apply when a family has elected to use its tenant-based assistance to remain in the same project after termination or expiration without extension of the project’s PBV contract. Aligned fair housing language with PBV forms.

*HUD 52641A Tenancy Addendum, Tenant Based Assistance*—Updated language to reflect that the PHA may waive the owner’s responsibility for tenant-caused HQS deficiencies (24 CFR 982.404(a)(4)).

*HUD 52642 HAP Contract Manufactured Home Space Rental, Tenant Based Assistance*—Added an option for a single HAP payment made to the family (24 CFR 982.622(a)(1)), updated language to reflect that the PHA may waive the owner’s responsibility for tenant-caused HQS deficiencies (24 CFR 982.404(a)(4)), aligned fair housing language with PBV forms.

*HUD-52646 Voucher, HCV Tenant Based Assistance*—Added language to state that the unit has passed HQS unless the PHA has approved the unit with only NLT deficiencies (24 CFR 982.406(e)) or passed an alternative inspection in the past 24 months (24 CFR 982.405(j)). Added language to comply with the new requirement that if the HAP contract terminates due to a failure to correct HQS deficiencies, the PHA must give the family at least 90 days following the termination of the HAP contract to lease a new unit (24 CFR 982.404(e)(1)).

*HUD-52649 Statement of Homeowner Obligations, HCV Homeownership*—Removed 2(l) that stated The family fails, willfully and persistently, to fulfill any welfare to work program obligations, as all references to the welfare to work program were removed under the HOTMA Voucher final rule.

*HUD-50164 Unexploded Ordnance*—Updated contact information for submitting a complaint.

*HUD-52531A and HUD-52531B Agreement to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payments Contract*—To comply with recent executive orders, conform with the Department of Labor’s current regulatory language found at 29 CFR 5.5, and conform with changes made in the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, including those changes to 24 CFR 983.3 (definitions), 983.51 (selection), 983.56 (environmental review), 983.57 (PHA-owned units), 983.153 (development requirements), 983.154 (development agreement), 983.155 (completion of work), 983.156 (acceptance of completed units), 983.251 (how participants are selected).

*HUD-52530A, Part 1 and Part 2 PBV HAP Contract for New Construction or Rehabilitation*—Edited to address typos, comply with recent executive orders, conform with 24 CFR 982.451 regarding payments, conform with 24 CFR 982.453 regarding owner breach, and conform with changes made in the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, including those changes to 24 CFR 5.100 (definitions), 982.4 (definitions), 982.405 (inspection), 983.3 (definitions), 983.51 (selection), 983.54 (income-mixing), 983.57 (PHA-owned units), 983.59 (units excluded from program cap and project cap), 983.103

(inspecting units), 983.157  
 (development activity after HAP contract execution), 983.203 (HAP contract information), 983.204 (execution of HAP contract), 983.205 (term of HAP contract), 983.206 (contract termination), 983.207 (contract amendments to add or substitute units), 983.208 (condition of contract units), 983.210 (owner certification), 983.212 (substantial improvement), 983.251 (how participants are selected), 983.253 (leasing), 983.254 (vacancies), 983.255 (tenant screening), 983.259 (security deposit), 983.260 (overcrowded, under-occupied, and accessible units), 983.261 (family right to move), 983.302 (redetermination of rent to owner), 983.351 (payment for occupied unit).

*HUD-52530B, Part 1 and Part 2 PBV HAP Contract for Existing Units*—Edited to address typos, comply with recent executive orders, conform with 24 CFR 982.451 regarding payments, conform with 24 CFR 982.453 regarding owner breach, and conform with changes made in the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, including those changes to 24 CFR 5.100 (definitions), 982.4 (definitions), 982.405 (inspection), 983.3 (definitions), 983.51 (selection), 983.54 (income-mixing), 983.57 (PHA-owned units), 983.59 (units excluded from program cap and project cap), 983.103 (inspecting units), 983.203 (HAP contract information), 983.204 (execution of HAP contract), 983.205 (term of HAP contract), 983.206 (contract termination), 983.208 (condition of contract units), 983.210 (owner certification), 983.212 (substantial improvement), 983.251 (how participants are selected), 983.253 (leasing), 983.254 (vacancies), 983.255 (tenant screening), 983.259 (security deposit), 983.260 (overcrowded, under-occupied, and accessible units), 983.261 (family right to move), 983.302 (redetermination of rent to owner), 983.351 (payment for occupied unit).

*HUD-52530C PBV Tenancy Addendum*—Edited to comply with recent executive orders and address typos and conform with changes made in the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, including those changes to 24 CFR 5.100 (definitions), 982.4 (definitions), 983.3 (definitions), 983.157 (development activity after HAP contract execution), 983.206 (contract termination), 983.208 (condition of contract units), 983.212 (substantial improvement), 983.257 (eviction), 983.259 (security deposit), 983.261 (family right to move).

*HUD-52578B PBV Statement of Family Responsibilities*—Edited to comply with recent executive orders and address typos and conform with changes made in the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, including those changes to 983.252 (PHA information for selected family), 983.261 (family right to move).

#### *New HUD Forms*

The following new forms were created pursuant to the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule published on May 7, 2024 (89 FR 38224): Tenancy Addendum, following termination of Project-Based Voucher assistance to a project, PHA-owned Agreement Certification, Tenant-based Assistance, PHA-owned Agreement Certification Part 1 and Part 2, PBV PHA-owned Certification for Existing Housing Part 1 & 2, PBV PHA-owned Certification New Construction or Rehabilitated Housing Part 1 and Part 2, PBV Rehabilitated Housing HAP Contract Rider PBV Rehabilitated Housing PHA-owned Certification Rider.

*Tenancy Addendum following termination of Project-Based Voucher assistance to a project.* To conform to the HOTMA Voucher Final Rule, this form is a separate tenancy addendum that applies when a family chooses to remain in the unit following the termination of a project-based HAP contract.

*PHA-owned Agreement Certification, Tenant-based Assistance*—The HOTMA Voucher Final Rule establishes regulations permitting a PHA to execute a HUD-prescribed certification in lieu of a HAP Contract for a PHA-owned unit. The final rule provides that the PHA-owned certification obligates the PHA, as the owner, to all of the requirements of the HAP contract (24 CFR 982.451(c)) (to become effective upon publication of this form per 89 FR 38224 (May 7, 2024)).

*PHA-owned Agreement Certification Part 1 and Part 2*—The HOTMA Voucher Final Rule establishes regulations permitting a PHA to execute HUD-prescribed certifications in lieu of an AHAP. The PHA-owned agreement certification serves as the equivalent of the AHAP, and subjects the PHA, as owner, to all of the requirements of the AHAP contained in part 983. Where the PHA has elected to use the PHA-owned agreement certification, all references to the AHAP throughout part 983 must be interpreted to be references to the PHA-

owned agreement certification. 24 CFR 983.154

*PBV PHA-owned Certification for Existing Housing Part 1 & 2*—The HOTMA Voucher Final Rule establishes regulations permitting a PHA to execute HUD-prescribed certifications in lieu of a HAP Contract. The PHA-owned certification serves as the equivalent of the HAP contract, and subjects the PHA, as owner, to all of the requirements of the HAP contract contained in parts 982 and 983. Where the PHA has elected to use the PHA-owned certification, all references to the HAP contract throughout parts 982 and 983 must be interpreted to be references to the PHA-owned certification. 24 CFR 983.204

*PBV PHA-owned Certification New Construction or Rehabilitated Housing Part 1 and Part 2*—The HOTMA Voucher Final Rule establishes regulations permitting a PHA to execute HUD-prescribed certifications in lieu of a HAP Contract. The PHA-owned certification serves as the equivalent of the HAP contract, and subjects the PHA, as owner, to all of the requirements of the HAP contract contained in parts 982 and 983. Where the PHA has elected to use the PHA-owned certification, all references to the HAP contract throughout parts 982 and 983 must be interpreted to be references to the PHA-owned certification. 24 CFR 983.204

*PBV Rehabilitated Housing HAP Contract Rider*—The HOTMA Voucher Final Rule establishes regulations permitting a PHA to execute a HAP contract, subject to a rider, for rehabilitated housing before the rehabilitation is complete. 24 CFR 983.157

*PBV Rehabilitated Housing PHA-owned Certification Rider*—The HOTMA Voucher Final Rule establishes regulations permitting a PHA to execute a HUD-prescribed certification, subject to a rider, for rehabilitated housing before the rehabilitation is complete. 24 CFR 983.157

*Respondents:* State and Local Governments, Tribes and TDHEs, owners of rental housing.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,244 PHAs and Tribal HUD-VASH grantees.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,848,209.

*Frequency of Response:* Varies by form.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1.15.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 3,456,326.

Description	Number of respondents <sup>1</sup>	Responses per respondent <sup>2</sup>	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Funding Application (HUD-52515)	300	1	300	5.00	1,500.00
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) <sup>3</sup>	300	1	300	0.75	225.00
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD-2880) <sup>4</sup>	300	1	300	0.08	24.00
Acknowledgement of Application Receipt (HUD-2993) <sup>5</sup>	300	1	300	0.08	24.00
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991) <sup>6</sup>	300	1	300	0.08	24.00
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) <sup>7</sup>	300	1	300	0.08	24.00
Tenant-Furnished Utilities (HUD-52667)	2,192	350	767,200	0.25	191,800.00
Inspection Checklist (HUD-52580)	2,192	950	2,082,400	0.50	1,041,200.00
Inspection Form (HUD-52580A)	2,192	950	2,082,400	0.50	1,041,200.00
Request for Tenancy Approval (HUD-52517)	2,192	55	120,560	0.50	60,280.00
Notice of Unit Approval/Denial	2,192	55	120,560	0.50	60,280.00
Voucher (HUD-52646)	2,192	60	131,520	0.05	6,576.00
Applications (Pre-Application, Application for Continued Occupancy, Interim Change) <sup>8</sup>	2,192	1,400	<sup>9</sup> 3,068,800	0.25	767,200.00
Information Packet	2,192	55	120,560	1.00	120,560.00
PHA Information to Owner about tenant	2,192	55	120,560	0.50	60,280.00
PHA notification to HUD of insufficient funds for portability moves	400	1	400	0.50	200.00
Portability Information (HUD-52665)	2,192	10	21,920	0.50	10,960.00
HAP Contracts (HUD-52641, 52641-A, 52641x, 52642)	2,192	65	142,480	0.50	71,240.00
PHA-Owned Certification	300	10	3,000	0.50	1,500.00
Statement of Homeowner Obligations (HUD-52649)	100	10	1,000	0.25	250.00
Homeownership: Required Contract of Sale Provisions	100	10	1,000	0.25	250.00
PHA PBV Public Notice of RFP	268	1	268	1.00	268.00
PHA PBV Notice of Proposal or Project Selection	268	1	268	0.50	134.00
PBV Agreement to enter into a HAP Contract (HUD-52531A and B)	95	1	95	0.50	47.50
PBV NC/R HAP Contract (HUD-52530A, Part 1 & 2)	242	1	242	1.00	242.00
PBV Existing HAP Contract (HUD-52530B, Part 1 & 2)	242	1	242	1.00	242.00
PBV Tenancy Addendum (HUD-52530C)	871	33	28,743	0.25	7,185.75
PHA-owned Agreement Certification (HUD-xxxxx, Part 1 & 2)	10	1	10	0.50	5.00
PBV PHA-owned Certification for Existing Housing (HUD-xxxxx, Part 1 & 2)	26	1	26	1.00	26.00
PBV PHA-owned Certification for NC/R Housing (HUD-xxxxx, Part 1 & 2)	26	1	26	1.00	26.00
PBV Rehabilitated Housing HAP Contract Rider (HUD-xxxxx)	26	1	26	0.50	13.00
PBV Rehabilitated Housing PHA-owned Certification Rider (HUD-xxxxx)	3	1	3	0.50	1.50
PBV Statement of Family Responsibilities (HUD-52578B)	871	33	28,743	0.25	7,185.75
Waikoloa Maneuver Area public notice (HUD-50164)	100	1	100	0.30	30.00
PHA Notice of Intent to Project-Base Vouchers	292	1	292	1.00	292.00
PHA Request to HUD for Approval to Terminate PBV HAP Contract	20	1	20	1.00	20.00
Owner Notice to Terminate PBV HAP Contract	27	30	810	0.25	202.50
Legal Opinion that PHA's Unit/Project is No Longer PHA-owned	45	1	45	1.00	45.00
Notification of Ownership if Unit/Project is PHA-owned	150	1	150	1.00	150.00
Joint PHA/Independent Entity Certification Regarding No Legal, Financial, Other Ties	150	1	150	0.50	75.00
Certification Regarding Previously Approved Independent Entity	180	1	180	0.50	90.00
Notice of Determination of Rent Reasonableness	150	3	450	2.00	900.00
Review of PHA's PBV Selection Process	90	2	180	3.00	540.00
FUP Statement of Need	300	1	300	2.00	600.00
FUP Memorandum of Understanding	300	1	300	5.00	1,500.00
FUP Evidence of a self-sufficiency program	175	1	175	0.50	87.50
HUD-VASH VAMC letter of support	50	1	50	5.00	250.00
HUD-VASH signed formal agreement	50	1	50	6.00	300.00
HUD-VASH boundary description	50	1	50	0.50	25.00
Tribal HUD-VASH application materials	29	1	29	8.00	232.00
Tribal HUD-VASH Leasing Performance Report (HUD-5980)	26	1	26	0.50	13.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b><sup>10</sup>8,848,209</b>	<b>58.67</b>	<b>3,456,325.50</b>

<sup>1</sup> This column represents number of PHA respondents.

<sup>2</sup> This column represents the number of responses per PHA. For example, for the HUD-52517 this means that 2,192 PHAs are expected to have an average of 950 forms submitted on behalf of families totaling 2,082,400 forms submitted nationwide annually.

<sup>3</sup>This form is included in another PRA (OMB 2501–0032). The additional burden hours for the voucher program are included in this application (4040–0004).

<sup>4</sup>This form is included in another PRA (OMB 2501–0032). The additional burden hours for the voucher program are included in this application (2510–0011).

<sup>5</sup>This form is included in another PRA (OMB 2501–0032). The additional burden hours for the voucher program are included in this application (2577–0259).

<sup>6</sup>This form is included in another PRA (OMB 2501–0032). The additional burden hours for the voucher program are included in this application (2506–0112).

<sup>7</sup>This form is included in another PRA (OMB 0348–0046). HUD will submit a Request for Common Form through the Regulatory Information Service Center (RISC) RISC/OIRA Combined Information System (ROCIS). The burden hours listed here are not included in the overall burden for this collection. They are presented here to give an accurate picture of the PHA's effort involved in responding to NOFOs.

<sup>8</sup>The burden calculated here reflects the burden associated with the federal requirements of this information collection. The number of respondents reflects the total number of federal grantees (PHAs) and not the number of individual respondents submitting pre-application, application, and interim changes associated with the HCV process. As indicated in this row, HUD estimates that the time it takes a respondent to provide the federally required information associated with the HCV application, pre-application, or interim change is, on average, 15 minutes or 0.25 hours. The actual time to complete a form may be greater reflecting additional information collection requirements or submission processes that are not associated with federal requirements.

<sup>9</sup>The number of Total Annual Responses has been reduced to reflect the expected decrease in Interim Change Forms needed as a result of the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2015 (HOTMA) sections 102 and 104 as detailed in the final rule published in **Federal Register** Notice 88 FR 9600 on February 13, 2023. The Regulatory Impact Analysis for the HOTMA Final Rule (FR–6057–F–03) estimated that there would be a decrease of 120,000 fewer interims for Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Program combined. The HCV Program consists of about two thirds of the total combined households, so HUD estimates that interim reexaminations for the HCV program will decrease by about 81,120 annually.

<sup>10</sup>This represents an overall decrease in burden since 2023 due to changes related to HOTMA. HUD discovered an error in the 2023 Form-83i estimate of burden HUD erroneously reported its overall burden in 2023 as 5,762,595 hours but it should have been 8,831,401 hours.

## B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

## C. Authority

Section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

### Laura Kunkel,

*Acting Director, Office of Policy, Programs, and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2025–0539; FXES111607MRG01–267–FF07Camm00]

#### Marine Mammals; Proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization for the Southern Beaufort Sea Stock of Polar Bears During Legacy Well Remediation Activities, North Slope of Alaska; Draft Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application; proposed incidental harassment authorization; notice of availability of draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in response to a request under the Marine Mammal Protection Act from the Bureau of Land Management, propose to authorize nonlethal incidental take by harassment of small numbers of Southern Beaufort Sea (SBS) polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) for 1 year from the date of issuance of the incidental harassment authorization (IHA). The applicant requested this authorization for take by harassment that may result from activities associated with oil well plugging and reclamation, soil sampling, snow trail, pad, and airstrip construction, and summer cleanup activities in the North Slope Borough of Alaska between western Smith Bay and Oliktok. This proposed authorization, if finalized, will be for up to 10 takes of polar bears by Level B harassment. No Level A harassment or lethal take is requested, expected, or proposed to be authorized. We invite comments on the proposed IHA and accompanying draft

environmental assessment from the public, Tribes, and local, State, and Federal agencies.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by March 16, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** *Document availability:* You may view supplemental information at <https://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2025–0539. Alternatively, you may request these documents from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

*Comment submission:* You may submit comments on the proposed authorization by one of the following methods:

- *Electronic submission:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS–R7–ES–2025–0539, which is the docket number for this rulemaking action. Then, click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, check the Notice box to locate this document. You may submit a comment by clicking on “Comment.” Comments must be submitted to <https://www.regulations.gov> before 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the date specified in **DATES.**

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS–R7–ES–2025–0539, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we