

Senate Bill 9462 entitled:

“AN ACT establishing the special joint legislative commission on affordable housing; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof”

NOT APPROVED

These thirty-nine bills would establish various commissions and task forces touching nearly every aspect of state government. Several of the bills would require intensive studies and reports to be undertaken by state agencies and authorities. I share a strong interest in addressing the problems and issues identified in this legislation, and I commend the Legislature for seeking to address such a broad array of problems.

However, enactment of this package of legislation would collectively cost the State approximately forty million dollars. None of these costs are accounted for in the State Financial Plan. Without appropriate funding, these unbudgeted costs would create significant staffing and other programmatic burdens on state agencies. Additionally, because of the ongoing work of state agencies and authorities, a number of the proposals would result in duplication and unnecessary bureaucracy.

Many of the proposed studies, task forces and commissions are important to a wide-variety of stake holders and constituencies. Therefore, I am directing state agencies that have ongoing efforts or future plans to address the issues described in these bills to continue their efforts and to review and incorporate the goals in the legislation to the extent practicable. Where this is not the case, I am directing my office to work with state agencies to assess what components of the legislation can be implemented using resources already in their financial plans.

Because of the fiscal impact of this legislation, the proposals would be more appropriately considered in the context of the State budget process. Therefore, I am constrained to veto these bills.

These bills are disapproved.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hochul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'K'.