



Plain Language Summary for Bill 56
An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act

Housing NWT has prepared a minor amendment to the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act. The Act creates the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, and sets out the corporation's powers to provide, develop, maintain, and manage housing for senior citizens, families and individuals receiving social assistance, individuals requiring minimal nursing care, families and individuals generally, students, and nonprofits among others.

The purpose of this amendment is to change the name of the corporation to bring it into line with the corporation's new mandate issued in January 2022, arising from the corporation's renewal process. The mandate change includes a new focus on the role of the corporation as part of a broader social safety net instead of as a corporate landlord.

The Bill will:

- Rename the Act to "Housing Northwest Territories Act".
- Replace all uses of the old name of the corporation in the Act with the new name "Housing Northwest Territories".
- Amend 11 other acts to replace all references to the old name or previous Act with the new names set out above.

The new mandate was developed with input from many sources including the NWT Council of Leaders Housing Working Group, Legislative Committee Reports and motions, and corporation staff. Without this change, the corporation will need to continue to operate for legal purposes as the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Operating with two different names (legal and public) may cause misunderstandings and additional work.

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