AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-73
OFFERED BY MS. MAXINE WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Transitional Housing Act of 2018” or the “THRIVE Act of 2018”.

2 SEC. 2. INCREMENTAL VOUCHERS FOR INDIVIDUALS RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for providing public housing agencies with tenant-based assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)) for use under this section such sums as may be necessary to provide incremental assistance for up to 10,000 vouchers under the housing choice voucher program.

(b) USE.—Assistance made available for use under this section may be used only for providing rental assistance, in conjunction with supportive services provided in
accordance with subsection (c), on behalf of families having a member who, as of the time of initial receipt of assistance under this section, has a substance abuse disorder, including opioid abuse disorders, or is in recovery from such a disorder.

(c) ALLOCATION.—Assistance made available for use under this section shall be allocated by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by means of a competition among public housing agencies that have entered into a partnership with a nonprofit organization or organizations who shall provide supportive services for families on behalf of whom rental assistance is provided with amounts made available under this section. Such competition shall incorporate selection criteria that consider capacity and history of the partnering nonprofit organizations, the prevalence of substance abuse disorders in the jurisdiction served by the agency, geographic diversity among agencies selected to receive such assistance, and such other issues as the Secretary considers appropriate. The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services in establishing such competition.

(d) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall provide for public housing agencies and their partner nonprofit organizations to jointly submit applications for assistance
under this section, which applications shall include such
information as the Secretary shall require.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the
5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of
this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Con-
gress describing the program for assistance under this sec-
tion and including any recommendations and conclusions
of the Secretary regarding such program.