

Case Study Questions

Housing bills in the policy session

- What are the bill numbers and names for each of the housing bills? (e.g., HB 123, the “Build Housing Act”)
- Descriptive analysis of the policy design
 - What are the intended goals and targeted outcomes? (e.g., *legalize ADUs, shorten permitting process, reduce minimum parking requirements*)
 - Does the policy apply statewide, or does it target certain geographies?
 - If the policy is targeted, what rule determines which areas are subject to it? (e.g., *near major transit, cities with X number of people, housing production below some threshold in recent past*)

Dates

- When was the bill first introduced?
- When was the bill approved?
- When did it go into effect?
 - *Is there variation in the timing of rollout? (i.e., did the policy go into effect earlier in some jurisdictions?)*

Implementation

- Did the legislation name a specific entity responsible for monitoring implementation and/or outcomes? (e.g., *executive agencies, new committee or agency, localities vs. state*)
- What dates or schedule was outlined for implementation or compliance? (*may be multiple stages*)
- What were the implementation or compliance steps required by the state government (e.g., *submit revised zoning code to state agency for review and approval, annual reporting of targeted outcomes*)?
- Did the state establish data collection and reporting requirements?
- Has there been political pushback from localities or advocacy groups, including refusal to comply with the new laws?

Documenting the legislative history of session

- Which committees had jurisdiction over the different bills?
- Who were the bill sponsors in the House/Senate?
- What were the principal interest groups for and against the bill?
- Did the policy design change from when it was first introduced?
 - What was the bill’s text when it was first introduced?
 - What aspects of the negotiation affected the policy design?
- Which bills passed on the first attempt?

- Were there initial legal challenges against any of the bills?
- What were the roles of legislators vs. governors? (*e.g., did the governor veto the first pass?*)
- What was the vote breakdown by legislator party ID?
- Did the bill pass as part of an explicit or tacit package with other bills?
 - What other types of bills were in the package?
- Do any of the bills “clean up” a previous version of the policy that had loopholes or ambiguous language?
- Were other housing-adjacent bills approved in the same legislative session? If so, briefly describe them. (*e.g., rent control or stabilization, tenant protection, property taxes*)