

100+ housing bills introduced in California

By Liam Dillon, Los Angeles Times

California lawmakers have introduced more than 130 bills this year that try to tackle the state's housing affordability crisis.

Reams of statistics support the depth of the problem: California's homeownership rate is at its lowest since World War II, a third of renters spend more than half of their income on housing costs and the state has nearly a quarter of the nation's homeless residents – despite having 12 percent of the overall U.S. population.

William Fulton, director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University, said he has never seen such interest in housing in the three decades he's been tracking the issue in California.

Read the whole story