Californians may pay more to build affordable housing

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Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic leaders last week touted their "shared commitment" to reach a deal to address the state's housing crisis, after securing the supermajority needed to extend California's cap-and-trade program to 2030.

But there are early signs that hammering out a deal could be tricky. The Legislature went on a monthlong summer recess without outlining a potential legislative package to deal with the problem, after Democrats said for weeks that they hoped to be further along by the break.

The biggest problem? Reaching a deal on an annual source of funding for affordable housing.

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