

Sanders' bills aid community land trusts

The Burlington Community Land Trust and other land trusts across the country would benefit from several measures Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., has proposed in the federal housing bill.

At a news conference Monday, Sanders said the bill, which the House passed last week, contains amendments that:

- Extend Federal Housing Authority housing guarantees to land trusts.

- Urge U.S. Housing and Urban Development construction contractors to hire women for 10 percent of the jobs in construction trades.

- Free up federal money to mobile home tenants to take over their mobile home parks.

- Deny landowners federal rental assistance if they don't try to meet local water, health and

safety standards.



Bernard Sanders result of legislation he introduced earlier. It is not known how much of that could come to Burlington.

The Burlington Community Land Trust is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. As mayor of Burlington, Sanders helped establish the land trust, which provides affordable housing for residents.