
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2152

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By House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Leonard, Mitchell, Nelson, Franklin, Ogden, Ballard, Winsley, Chandler, D. Sommers, Forner, Moyer, Morton and Hochstatter).

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study on having direct payments to landlords
2 from public assistance; creating new sections; providing an effective
3 date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of social and health
6 services shall appoint a direct landlord pay task force to consist of
7 eleven members selected as follows:

8 (a) Two members of the house of representatives appointed by the
9 speaker of the house of representatives, one from each political party;

10 (b) Two members of the senate appointed by the president of the
11 senate, one from each political party;

12 (c) Two members that represent apartment owners;

13 (d) Two members that represent low-income tenants;

14 (e) One member that represents public housing authorities;

1 (f) The director of the department of community development, or the
2 director's designee; and

3 (g) The secretary of the department of social and health services
4 or the secretary's designee, who shall serve as the chair.

5 (2) The chair shall be a nonvoting member, except in the case of
6 ties.

7 (3) The secretary of the department of social and health services
8 shall appoint the members of the task force within sixty days from the
9 effective date of this section.

10 (4) Staffing shall be provided by the department of social and
11 health services.

12 (5) The task force shall meet at such times as determined by the
13 chair.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The task force shall conduct a study
15 to determine whether the supply of housing for persons on public
16 assistance would increase if the department made rental payments
17 directly to the landlords.

18 (2) In conducting the study, the task force shall:

19 (a) Review the results of the department of social and health
20 services' direct landlord pay pilot project;

21 (b) Examine housing needs of persons on public assistance;

22 (c) Make recommendations on program development and administrative
23 operation options of a program designed to make rental payments from
24 public assistance directly to landlords;

25 (d) Take any other action relating to implementing this section;
26 and

27 (e) Provide a written report to the house of representatives
28 housing and human services committees and senate children and family

1 services committee by December 1, 1991, presenting the recommendations
2 of the task force.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall
4 expire January 1, 1992.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
8 effect July 1, 1991. The secretary of the department of social and
9 health services may take such steps as are necessary to ensure that
10 this act is implemented July 1, 1991.