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By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
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Community, Trade, and Economic Development)

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1 AN ACT Relating to funds for operating and maintenance of low-
2 income housing projects and for innovative housing demonstration
3 projects; amending RCW 36.18.010; adding a new section to chapter
4 36.22 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and
5 creating a new section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes housing
8 affordability has become a significant problem for a large portion
9 of society in many parts of Washington state in recent years. The
10 state has traditionally focused its resources on housing for low-
11 income populations. Additional funding resources are needed for
12 operation and maintenance activities for housing projects for the
13 developmentally disabled and farm worker housing projects. In
14 addition to supporting low-income populations, the state must find
15 new methods to assist moderate and middle-income populations who
16 are having a difficult time affording decent housing at today's
17 prices reasonably near their jobs.

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1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.22
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a
4 surcharge of three dollars per instrument shall be charged by the
5 county auditor for each document recorded, which will be in
6 addition to any other charge authorized by law. The auditor may
7 retain up to ten percent of these funds collected to administer
8 the collection of these funds. Of the remaining funds, forty
9 percent of the revenue generated through this surcharge will be
10 transmitted monthly to the state treasurer who will deposit the
11 funds into the Washington housing trust account. The office of
12 community development of the department of community, trade, and
13 economic development will develop guidelines for: (a) The use of
14 these funds to support operation and maintenance costs of low-
15 income housing projects that have been developed with housing
16 trust funds; and (b) innovative housing demonstration projects for
17 moderate and middle-income populations. Sixty percent of the
18 revenue generated by this surcharge will be retained by the county
19 and be deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and
20 its cities and towns for low-income housing projects. For purposes
21 of distributing the portion of the surcharge retained by a county
22 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the funds shall be
23 allocated among the county and the cities within a county through
24 an interlocal agreement between the county and the cities within
25 the county to jointly carry out the purposes of this act.

26 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
27 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of
28 trust.

29 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.18.010 and 1999 c 233 s 3 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the
32 following fees for their official services:

33 For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-
34 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional
35 page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar.
36 The fee for recording multiple transactions contained in one
37 instrument will be calculated for each transaction requiring

1 separate indexing as required under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The
2 fee for each title or transaction is the same fee as the first
3 page of any additional recorded document; the fee for additional
4 pages is the same fee as for any additional pages for any recorded
5 document; the fee for the additional pages may be collected only
6 once and may not be collected for each title or transaction;

7 For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight
8 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each
9 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one
10 dollar;

11 For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-
12 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

13 For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or
14 without seal, two dollars;

15 For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee
16 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing,
17 and transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar
18 of vital statistics) plus an additional five-dollar fee for use
19 and support of the prevention of child abuse and neglect
20 activities to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and
21 deposited in the state general fund plus an additional ten-dollar
22 fee to be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer and deposited
23 in the state general fund. The legislature intends to appropriate
24 an amount at least equal to the revenue generated by this fee for
25 the purposes of the displaced homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

26 For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

27 For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery
28 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot;
29 also one dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and
30 description: PROVIDED, That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-
31 five dollars per plat;

32 For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for
33 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five
34 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen
35 inches or less, one dollar;

36 For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing
37 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170.

1 For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in
2 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable
3 recording fees.

4 For recording instruments related to real or personal property,
5 a surcharge as provided in section 2 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.330
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 The office of community development of the department of
9 community, trade, and economic development is directed to conduct
10 a statewide housing market analysis by region. The purpose of the
11 analysis is to identify areas of greatest need for the appropriate
12 investment of state affordable housing funds. The analysis shall be
13 completed by September 2002, and updated every two years
14 thereafter. Funding for this analysis is from revenue identified in
15 section 2 of this act.

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