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1 AN ACT Relating to assistance for aerospace workers; amending RCW  
2 43.63A.600; adding a new section to chapter 50.12 RCW; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 50.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any office of the employment security department located in a  
8 county that has at least one thousand aerospace workers shall be  
9 staffed at a level consistent with providing the services necessary for  
10 prompt processing of claims for unemployment compensation, job  
11 counseling, and related services. The level of staffing shall be in  
12 accordance with predetermined job counselor to claimant norms.

13 (2) For the purposes of this section, "aerospace worker" means any  
14 employee of a company in which a minimum of twenty-five percent of the  
15 business involves aerospace, defense industry, or aviation-related  
16 products.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.63A.600 and 1991 c 315 s 23 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

1 (1) The department of community development, as a member of the  
2 agency timber task force and in consultation with the economic recovery  
3 coordination board for the timber impact area portion of the program,  
4 shall establish and administer the emergency mortgage and rental  
5 assistance program. The department shall identify the communities most  
6 adversely affected by (a) reductions in timber harvest levels and (b)  
7 unemployment in the aerospace industry and shall prioritize assistance  
8 under this program to these communities. The department shall work  
9 with the department of social and health services to develop the  
10 program and additionally with the timber recovery coordinator to  
11 develop the program in timber impact areas. Organizations eligible to  
12 receive funds for distribution under the program are those  
13 organizations that are eligible to receive assistance through the  
14 Washington housing trust fund.

15 (2) The goals of the program are to:

16 (a) Provide temporary emergency mortgage or rental assistance loans  
17 on behalf of dislocated (i) forest products workers in timber impact  
18 areas and (ii) aerospace workers in aerospace impact areas who are  
19 unable to make current mortgage or rental payments on their permanent  
20 residences and are subject to immediate eviction for nonpayment of  
21 mortgage installments or nonpayment of rent;

22 (b) Prevent the dislocation of individuals and families from their  
23 permanent residences and their communities; and

24 (c) Maintain economic and social stability in timber impact areas  
25 and aerospace impact areas.

26 (3) For the purposes of this section:

27 (a) "Aerospace impact area" means a city or unincorporated area  
28 that is affected by significant aerospace worker job losses.

29 (b) "Aerospace worker" means any employee of a business in which a  
30 minimum of twenty-five percent of the business involves aerospace,  
31 defense industry, or aviation-related products.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) The department of social and health services shall help  
35 families and workers in aerospace impact areas make the transition  
36 through economic difficulties and shall provide services to assist  
37 workers to gain marketable skills. The department, under an  
38 interagency agreement with the department of community development, if

1 appropriate, shall provide grants through the office of the secretary  
2 for local family support centers in aerospace impact areas to provide  
3 services to unemployed aerospace workers, including providing direct or  
4 referral services, establishing and operating service delivery  
5 programs, and coordinating delivery programs and delivery of services.

6 (2) Services provided through local family support centers are  
7 intended to support dislocated aerospace workers and their families and  
8 may include, but need not be limited to:

9 (a) General services such as credit counseling; social services  
10 including marital counseling; psychotherapy or psychological  
11 counseling; mortgage foreclosure and utilities problem counseling; drug  
12 and alcohol abuse services; medical services; and residential heating  
13 and food acquisition; and

14 (b) Family services such as parenting education; child development  
15 assessments; health and nutrition education; counseling; and  
16 information and referral services.

17 (3)(a) Grants to establish and operate local family support centers  
18 shall be awarded to community social services teams consisting of  
19 nonprofit organizations, state agencies, or both. Before the  
20 department of social and health services makes a grant to establish a  
21 local family support center, the grantee must obtain an agreement with  
22 the community where the center is to be located that the community will  
23 provide twenty-five percent of the costs of operating the center.

24 (b) The department shall consult with the council on child abuse or  
25 neglect regarding grants for family support centers.

26 (4) For the purposes of this section:

27 (a) "Aerospace impact area" means a city or town that is affected  
28 by significant aerospace worker job losses.

29 (b) "Aerospace worker" means any employee of a business in which a  
30 minimum of twenty-five percent of the business involves aerospace,  
31 defense industry, or aviation-related products.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or  
33 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
34 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of  
35 community development for the purposes of the emergency mortgage and  
36 rental assistance program for aerospace workers under section 2 of this  
37 act.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.**   The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or  
2   as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
3   ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of social  
4   and health services for the purposes of grants for services to  
5   aerospace workers under section 3 of this act.

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