
HOUSE BILL 1236

State of Washington

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By Representatives Dunn, Sherstad, Sheldon, Mulliken, Boldt, Costa and Robertson

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1 AN ACT Relating to rental payments to landlords from public
2 assistance; and adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 74.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Persons receiving public assistance, particularly families,
7 frequently have great difficulty obtaining adequate housing. The
8 department of social and health services is directed to conduct a
9 program designed to increase the supply of housing for persons on
10 public assistance by making rental payments directly to the landlords.

11 (2) The department shall explore the use of public and private
12 housing providers in the implementation of the program.

13 (3) The department shall solicit not less than three and up to
14 seven local governing bodies for participation in the program. In
15 implementing this program the department shall:

16 (a) Stress that participation in the program by recipients on
17 public assistance is voluntary;

18 (b) Utilize the services of either local public or private housing
19 providers, or both, to the maximum extent feasible; and

1 (c) Give consideration to obtaining a geographic distribution and
2 balance throughout the state when selecting participating local
3 governing bodies.

4 (4) Prior to the convening of the 1998 regular session of the
5 legislature, the department shall report the results of the program,
6 together with its recommendations, to the chair of the house committee
7 on trade and economic development and the chair of the senate committee
8 on labor, commerce and trade.

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