
HOUSE BILL 1640

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1 AN ACT Relating to mobile home parks; adding a new section to
2 chapter 59.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 59.22 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many residents of
6 mobile home parks exist on fixed incomes and it is difficult for these
7 residents to afford increases in rent and charges. The legislature
8 recognizes that when a mobile home park is closed, there are very few
9 parks into which displaced park residents may move their homes. The
10 legislature also finds that since park owner contributions to mobile
11 home relocation assistance were declared unconstitutional, there is no
12 reliable funding being placed into this account.

13 It is therefore the intent of the legislature to capitalize the
14 mobile home park relocation fund and the mobile home park purchase
15 account to assist park residents to purchase their own parks so that
16 they are less vulnerable to changes in land use, and to ensure that
17 adequate resources will be available to park residents in the event
18 that a park does close.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 59.21 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The department of community, trade, and economic development shall
4 provide a report on the annual expenditures from the mobile home park
5 relocation fund to the senate ways and means committee and the
6 appropriations committee of the house of representatives by January 1st
7 of each year.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of five million dollars, or as much
9 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
10 June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the mobile home park relocation
11 fund created under RCW 59.21.050 for the purposes of this act. All
12 expenditures from the fund must be made in accordance with chapter
13 59.21 RCW.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of five million dollars, or as much
15 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
16 June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the mobile home park purchase
17 account, created under RCW 59.22.030, to provide loans and technical
18 assistance to resident organizations and low-income residents for the
19 purpose of financing mobile home park purchases pursuant to chapter
20 59.22 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 59.22 RCW
22 to read as follows:

23 The department of community, trade, and economic development shall
24 provide a report on the annual expenditures from the mobile home park
25 purchase account to the senate ways and means committee and the
26 appropriations committee of the house of representatives by January 1st
27 of each year.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of forty thousand dollars, or as
29 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
30 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the office of the
31 attorney general for the purpose of developing and distributing a
32 pamphlet that provides general information on tenant and park owners'

1 rights, responsibilities, and remedies under the mobile home landlord-
2 tenant act, chapter 59.20 RCW.

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