

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6729**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6729** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By Senators Prentice, Winsley, Finkbeiner, Fairley, Rasmussen and Kline**

Read first time 01/30/98.      Referred to Committee on Financial  
Institutions, Insurance & Housing.

1            AN ACT Relating to financing needs for senior housing; creating new  
2 sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the availability  
5 of safe and affordable housing is vital to low-income senior citizens  
6 and persons with disabilities. The legislature further finds that the  
7 availability of low-cost financing is necessary for the development or  
8 preservation of housing for seniors and persons with disabilities. The  
9 legislature further finds that many existing housing developments for  
10 seniors and persons with disabilities are in need of renovation. The  
11 legislature further finds that there is a need to explore alternative  
12 financing techniques to cover the cost of development or renovation of  
13 housing for seniors and persons with disabilities. It is the intent of  
14 the legislature to create the task force on financing housing for  
15 seniors and persons with disabilities to explore alternative financing  
16 techniques for the development and renovation of housing developments  
17 in Washington for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1) There is created the task force on  
2 financing senior housing and housing for persons with disabilities to  
3 consist of thirteen members. The task force consists of the following  
4 members:

5        (a) The director of the department of community, trade, and  
6 economic development or the director's designee, who serves as an ex  
7 officio member and as chair;

8        (b) The executive director of the Washington state housing finance  
9 commission or the director's designee, who serves as an ex officio  
10 member;

11       (c) The secretary of the department of social and health services  
12 or the secretary's designee, who serves as an ex officio member;

13       (d) Three representatives from organizations involved in the  
14 management of senior housing developments, one of which must be from an  
15 organization involved in the ownership of senior housing developments;

16       (e) Two representatives from financial institutions involved in  
17 financing senior housing developments, one of which must be from an  
18 investment and banking firm involved in financing federally insured  
19 senior housing developments;

20       (f) One representative from a mobile home owners association that  
21 represents seniors;

22       (g) One representative from a mobile home park owners association;

23       (h) Two representatives from state-wide organizations that  
24 represent persons with disabilities; and

25       (i) One representative from a public housing authority.

26       (2) The director of the department of community, trade, and  
27 economic development shall appoint all nonex officio members to the  
28 task force on financing senior housing and housing for persons with  
29 disabilities. The vice-chair of the task force is selected by majority  
30 vote of the task force members. The members of the task force on  
31 financing senior housing and housing for persons with disabilities  
32 serve without compensation.

33       (3) The department of community, trade, and economic development,  
34 the department of social and health services, and the Washington state  
35 housing finance commission shall supply such information and assistance  
36 as is necessary for the task force on financing senior housing and  
37 housing for persons with disabilities to carry out its duties under  
38 section 3 of this act.

1 (4) The department of community, trade, and economic development,  
2 the department of social and health services, and the Washington state  
3 housing finance commission shall provide administrative and clerical  
4 assistance to the task force on financing senior housing and housing  
5 for persons with disabilities.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The task force on financing senior housing  
7 and housing for persons with disabilities shall by December 15, 1998,  
8 prepare and submit to the house of representatives committee on trade  
9 and economic development and the senate committee on financial  
10 institutions, insurance and housing a progress report on the findings  
11 and recommendations required under chapter 383, Laws of 1997. The task  
12 force may also make additional recommendations on financial and  
13 regulatory techniques designed to assist in the construction of new  
14 facilities or renovation of existing housing facilities for seniors and  
15 persons with disabilities.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
19 immediately.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires February 1, 1999.

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