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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6442**

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**By** Senate Committee on Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Winsley, Prentice, Gardner, Kline and Haugen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the affordable housing program; amending RCW  
2 43.185A.010; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185A.010 and 1995 c 399 s 102 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Affordable housing" means residential housing for rental ((or  
9 ~~private individual ownership~~) occupancy which, as long as the same is  
10 occupied by low-income households, requires payment of monthly housing  
11 costs, including utilities other than telephone, of no more than thirty  
12 percent of the family's income. The department shall adopt policies  
13 for residential home-ownership housing, occupied by low-income  
14 households, which specify the percentage of family income that may be  
15 spent on monthly housing costs, including utilities other than  
16 telephone, to qualify as affordable housing.

17 (2) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and  
18 economic development.

1 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of community,  
2 trade, and economic development.

3 (4) "First-time home buyer" means an individual or his or her  
4 spouse who have not owned a home during the three-year period prior to  
5 purchase of a home.

6 (5) "Low-income household" means a single person, family or  
7 unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income is less than  
8 eighty percent of the median family income, adjusted for household  
9 size, for the county where the project is located.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
13 immediately.

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