

SSB 5767 - H AMD 386

By Representative Ormsby

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.-- RCW
4 (created in HB 2163, as amended) to read as follows:

5 (1) Each county shall create a homeless housing task force to
6 develop a ten-year homeless housing plan addressing short-term and
7 long-term housing for homeless persons.

8 Membership on the task force may include representatives of the
9 counties, cities, towns, housing authorities, civic and faith
10 organizations, schools, community networks, human services providers,
11 law enforcement personnel, criminal justice personnel, including
12 prosecutors, probation officers, and jail administrators, substance
13 abuse treatment providers, mental health care providers, emergency
14 health care providers, businesses, at-large representatives of the
15 community, and a homeless or formerly homeless individual.

16 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
17 designate an existing governmental or nonprofit body which
18 substantially conforms to this section and which includes at least one
19 homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless
20 representative. As an alternative to a separate plan, two or more
21 local governments may work in concert to develop and execute a joint
22 homeless housing plan, or to contract with another entity to do so
23 according to the requirements of this chapter. While a local
24 government has the authority to subcontract with other entities, the
25 local government continues to maintain the ultimate responsibility for
26 the homeless housing program within its borders.

27 A county may decline to participate in the program authorized in
28 this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by
29 the county legislative authority stating the intention not to
30 participate. A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the

1 county auditor and treasurer. If a county declines to participate, the
2 department shall create and execute a local homeless housing plan for
3 the county meeting the requirements of this chapter.

4 (2) In addition to developing a ten-year homeless housing plan,
5 each task force shall establish guidelines consistent with the
6 statewide homeless housing strategic plan, as needed, for the
7 following:

8 (a) Emergency shelters;

9 (b) Short-term housing needs;

10 (c) Temporary encampments;

11 (d) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; and

12 (e) Long-term housing.

13 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and
14 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the
15 homeless.

16 (3) Each county, including counties exempted from creating a new
17 task force under subsection (1) of this section, shall report to the
18 department of community, trade, and economic development such
19 information as may be needed to ensure compliance with this chapter."

20 Correct the title.

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