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By Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Haugen, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Franklin, Shin, Berkey and Hargrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing plans to address the housing needs of
2 homeless persons; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; adding a
3 new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter
4 35A.21 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW
7 to read as follows:

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

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

18 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
19 designate an existing body which substantially conforms to this section

1 and which includes at least one homeless or formerly homeless
2 individual to serve as its homeless representative. Those counties
3 which participate in the Washington state balance of state continuum of
4 care under the McKinney-Vento homelessness assistance act may designate
5 their participation efforts to comply with the requirements of this
6 section.

7 (2) In addition to developing a ten-year plan to end homelessness,
8 each task force shall establish guidelines, as needed, for the
9 following:

- 10 (a) Emergency shelters;
- 11 (b) Short-term housing needs;
- 12 (c) Temporary encampments;
- 13 (d) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; and
- 14 (e) Long-term housing.

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

18 (3) Each county, including counties exempted from creating a new
19 task force under subsection (1) of this section, shall report to the
20 appropriate committees of the legislature and to the department of
21 community, trade, and economic development by January 2006, including
22 information on guidelines developed, potentials for public-private
23 partnerships to address homelessness, and requests for further
24 involvement or support from the legislature. Those counties which
25 participate in the Washington state balance of state continuum of care
26 under the McKinney-Vento homelessness assistance act may submit a
27 single report reflecting information on all participating counties.
28 Each county shall continue to develop and coordinate planning efforts,
29 with reports to the legislature of substantive changes and significant
30 additional information.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 Each city or town must participate in the task force created under
34 section 1 of this act.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW
36 to read as follows:

1 Each code city must participate in the task force created under
2 section 1 of this act.

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