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SENATE BILL 5767

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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, and at-large representatives of the  
17 community.

18 (2) In addition to developing a ten-year plan to end homelessness,

1 each task force shall establish guidelines, as needed, for the  
2 following:

- 3 (a) Emergency shelters;
- 4 (b) Short-term housing needs;
- 5 (c) Temporary encampments;
- 6 (d) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; and
- 7 (e) Long-term housing.

8 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and  
9 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the  
10 homeless.

11 (3) Each county shall report to the appropriate committees of the  
12 legislature by January 2006, including information on guidelines  
13 developed, potentials for public-private partnerships to address  
14 homelessness, and requests for further involvement or support from the  
15 legislature. Each county shall continue to develop and coordinate  
16 planning efforts, with reports to the legislature of substantive  
17 changes and significant additional information.

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

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

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

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

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