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By Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.185C.005 and 2005 c 484 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Despite laudable efforts by all levels of government, private
6 individuals, nonprofit organizations, and charitable foundations to end
7 homelessness, the number of homeless persons in Washington is
8 unacceptably high. The state's homeless population, furthermore,
9 includes a large number of families with children, youth, and employed
10 persons. The legislature finds that the fiscal and societal costs of
11 homelessness are high for both the public and private sectors, and that
12 ending homelessness (~~should~~) must be a goal for state and local
13 government.

14 The legislature finds that there are many causes of homelessness,
15 including a shortage of affordable housing; a shortage of family-wage
16 jobs which undermines housing affordability; a lack of an accessible
17 and affordable health care system available to all who suffer from
18 physical and mental illnesses and chemical and alcohol dependency;
19 domestic violence; (~~and~~) a lack of education and job skills necessary
20 to acquire adequate wage jobs in the economy of the twenty-first
21 century; inadequate availability of services for citizens with mental
22 illness and developmental disabilities living in the community; and the
23 difficulties faced by formerly institutionalized persons in
24 reintegrating to society and finding stable employment and housing.

25 The support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide
26 community is critical to the chances of success in ending homelessness
27 in Washington. While the provision of housing and housing-related
28 services to the homeless should be administered at the local level to
29 best address specific community needs, the legislature also recognizes
30 the need for the state to play a primary coordinating, supporting,

1 (~~and~~) monitoring, and evaluating role. There must be a clear
2 assignment of responsibilities and a clear statement of achievable and
3 quantifiable goals. Systematic statewide data collection on
4 (~~homelessness~~) homeless individuals in Washington must be a critical
5 component of such a program enabling the state to work with local
6 governments not only to count all homeless people in the state, but to
7 record and manage information about homeless persons (~~and~~) in order
8 to assist them in finding housing and other supportive services that
9 can help them, when possible, achieve the highest degree of self-
10 sufficiency and economic independence that is appropriate given their
11 specific abilities and situations.

12 The systematic collection and rigorous evaluation of homeless data,
13 a nationwide search for and implementation through adequate resource
14 allocation of best practices, and the systematic measurement of
15 progress toward interim goals and the ultimate goal of ending
16 homelessness are all necessary components of a statewide effort to end
17 homelessness in Washington by (~~July 1, 2015~~) December 31, 2018.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2007 c 427 s 3 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
21 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

22 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
23 economic development.

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

26 (3) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a
27 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal
28 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing
29 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing program
30 if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes substance
31 abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who are
32 homeless.

33 (4) "Washington homeless census" or "census" means (~~an annual~~) a
34 statewide census conducted at least annually as a collaborative effort
35 by towns, cities, counties, community-based organizations, and state
36 agencies, with the technical support and coordination of the

1 department, to count and collect ~~((data on))~~ information about all
2 homeless individuals in Washington.

3 (5) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account
4 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources
5 established by RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act), RCW
6 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act), and all other sources directed
7 to the homeless housing and assistance program.

8 (6) "~~((Homeless housing))~~ Ending homelessness grant program" means
9 the ~~((vehicle by))~~ program established in RCW 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080,
10 and 43.185C.090 under which competitive grants are awarded by the
11 department, utilizing moneys from the ~~((homeless housing))~~ home
12 security fund account, to local governments for programs directly
13 related to ~~((housing homeless individuals and families,))~~ addressing
14 the root causes of homelessness, preventing homelessness, and
15 collecting data and information on homeless individuals~~(, and other~~
16 ~~efforts directly related to housing homeless persons))~~.

17 (7) "Local government" means a county government in the state of
18 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the
19 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing
20 homeless persons within its ~~((borders))~~ jurisdiction.

21 (8) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals along
22 a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and
23 homeownership at the other.

24 (9) "Local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness task force"
25 means a voluntary local committee created under RCW 43.185C.160 to
26 ~~((advise a local government on the creation of))~~ develop a local
27 ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness plan and participate in a
28 local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness program. ~~((It must~~
29 ~~include a representative of the county, a representative of the largest~~
30 ~~city located within the county, at least one homeless or formerly~~
31 ~~homeless person, such other members as may be required to maintain~~
32 ~~eligibility for federal funding related to housing programs and~~
33 ~~services and if feasible, a representative of a private nonprofit~~
34 ~~organization with experience in low income housing.))~~

35 (10) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and
36 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no
37 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

1 (11) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
2 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level
3 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of
4 community, trade, and economic development; (b) the department of
5 corrections; (c) the department of social and health services; (d) the
6 department of veterans affairs; and (e) the department of health.

7 (12) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
8 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

9 (13) "Performance evaluation" means the process of evaluating
10 performance by established criteria according to the achievement of
11 outlined goals, measures, targets, standards, or other outcomes, using
12 a ranked scorecard from highest to lowest performance that employs a
13 scale of one to one hundred, one hundred being the optimal score.

14 (14) "Quality management program" means a nationally recognized
15 program using criteria similar or equivalent to the Baldrige criteria.
16 Beginning in 2010, all local governments receiving over five hundred
17 thousand dollars a year during the previous calendar year from: State
18 housing-related funding sources, including the Washington housing trust
19 fund; the ending homelessness program surcharges in RCW 36.22.179 and
20 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act); and any surcharges in this
21 chapter and the surcharges in RCW 36.22.178, shall apply to the
22 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
23 its quality management, accountability, and performance system, once
24 every three years beginning by January 1, 2011.

25 (15) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
26 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

27 ~~((14))~~ (16) "Housing authority" means any of the public
28 corporations created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

29 ~~((15) "Homeless housing"))~~ (17) "Ending homelessness program" means
30 the program authorized under this chapter as administered by the
31 department at the state level and by the local government or its
32 designated subcontractor at the local level.

33 ~~((16) "Homeless housing"))~~ (18) "Local ending homelessness plan"
34 means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the ~~((county or other))~~ local
35 government to address ~~((housing for homeless persons))~~ ending
36 homelessness.

37 ~~((17) "Homeless housing"))~~ (19) "State ending homelessness
38 strategic plan" means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the

1 department, in consultation with the interagency council on
2 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
3 affordable housing advisory board, to end homelessness.

4 ~~((18))~~ (20) "Washington homeless client management information
5 system" means a database of information about homeless individuals in
6 the state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to
7 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-sufficiency
8 or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon their
9 individual situations.

10 (21) "Good family wage job" means a job that pays at or above one
11 of the two self-sufficiency income standards established under section
12 17 of this act which for an individual means enough income to support
13 one adult individual, and for a family means enough income to support
14 two adult individuals, one preschool-aged child, and one school-aged
15 child.

16 (22) "Unsheltered homeless" means a homeless individual or homeless
17 individuals living outside or in a building not intended for human
18 habitation or in which the individual or individuals have no legal
19 right to occupy.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.020 and 2005 c 484 s 5 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 There is created within the department the ~~((homeless housing))~~
23 ending homelessness program to develop and ~~((coordinate))~~ implement a
24 statewide ending homelessness strategic plan ~~((aimed at housing~~
25 ~~homeless persons))~~, coordinate and monitor local government ending
26 homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending
27 homelessness grant program. The ending homelessness program has an
28 established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population
29 statewide and in each county by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an
30 ultimate goal of ending homelessness by December 31, 2018. The ending
31 homelessness program ~~((shall be))~~ is developed and administered by the
32 department with advice and input from the affordable housing advisory
33 board established in RCW 43.185B.020.

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.040 and 2005 c 484 s 7 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) ~~((Six months after the first Washington homeless census,))~~ The

1 department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on
2 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
3 affordable housing advisory board, prepare and ~~((publish a ten year~~
4 ~~homeless housing))~~ annually update a state ending homelessness
5 strategic plan which ~~((shall))~~ must outline statewide goals and
6 performance measures ~~((and shall be coordinated with the plan for~~
7 ~~homeless families with children required under RCW 43.63A.650. To~~
8 ~~guide local governments in preparation of their first local homeless~~
9 ~~housing plans due December 31, 2005, the department shall issue by~~
10 ~~October 15, 2005, temporary guidelines consistent with this chapter and~~
11 ~~including the best available data on each community's homeless~~
12 ~~population))~~ to meet the needs of all homeless populations, including
13 chronic homeless, unsheltered homeless, short-term homeless, families,
14 individuals, and youth. Local governments' ~~((ten year homeless~~
15 ~~housing))~~ local ending homelessness plans ~~((shall not))~~ must include
16 all of the performance measures included in the state ending
17 homelessness strategic plan and must be substantially ~~((inconsistent))~~
18 consistent with the goals and program recommendations of ~~((the~~
19 ~~temporary guidelines and, when amended after 2005,))~~ the state ending
20 homelessness strategic plan.

21 (2)(a) Program outcomes and performance measures and goals
22 ~~((shall))~~ must be created by the department ~~((and reflected))~~ in
23 consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task
24 force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs
25 of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives
26 appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending
27 homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and
28 communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a
29 representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates
30 for ending homelessness. All performance measures must have targets
31 and timelines. The task force must also produce guidelines for local
32 governments regarding methods, techniques, and data suggested to
33 measure each performance measure. Performance measures, yearly
34 targets, and corresponding measurement guidelines must be established
35 by December 31, 2008, and must be reviewed annually by the department
36 and the interagency council on homelessness after soliciting feedback
37 from all local ending homelessness task forces. Performance measures

1 must be included in the department's ((homeless housing)) state ending
2 homelessness strategic plan ((as well as)) and all local ending
3 homelessness plans.

4 (b) The department may determine a timeline for implementation and
5 measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending
6 homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments
7 must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31,
8 2010, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not
9 applicable to a specific local area according to parameters and
10 thresholds established by the department.

11 (c) Performance measures must be created, at a minimum, to gauge
12 the success of the state and each local government in the following
13 areas:

14 (i) The cost of ending homelessness in comparison with available
15 and committed resources;

16 (ii) The total capital and service dollars required statewide and
17 by county to meet the two goals outlined in RCW 43.185C.020, the
18 assessment of which must include a determination of the current
19 shortfall of funds as well as recommendations to reduce the total
20 amount of funds determined to be needed to meet the goals;

21 (iii) The self-sufficiency of persons in Washington;

22 (iv) The achievement of an appropriate level of self-sufficiency
23 for homeless individuals;

24 (v) The quality and completeness of the Washington homeless client
25 management information system database;

26 (vi) The quality of the performance management systems of state
27 agencies, local governments, and local government subcontractors
28 executing programs, as authorized by RCW 43.185C.080(1), that
29 contribute to the overall goal of ending homelessness; and

30 (vii) The quality of local ending homelessness plans.

31 Performance measurements are reported upon by city and county
32 geography, including demographics with yearly or more frequent targets.

33 (3) Interim goals against which state and local governments'
34 performance may be measured must also be described and reported upon in
35 the state ending homelessness strategic plan, including:

36 (a) ((By the end of year one, completion of the first census as
37 described in RCW 43.185C.030;

1 ~~(b))~~) By the end of each subsequent year, goals common to all state
2 and local programs which are measurable and the achievement of which
3 would move that community toward housing its homeless population; ~~((and~~

4 ~~(e))~~) (b) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population
5 statewide and in each county by ~~((fifty))~~ seventy percent; and

6 (c) By December 31, 2018, the reduction of the homeless population
7 statewide and in each county by one hundred percent, representing the
8 end of homelessness in Washington.

9 ~~((3))~~) (4) The department shall develop a consistent statewide
10 data gathering instrument to monitor the performance of cities and
11 counties receiving ending homelessness grants in order to determine
12 compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the ending
13 homelessness grant application or required by the department.

14 (5) The department shall, in consultation with the interagency
15 council on homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness,
16 and the affordable housing advisory board, report annually to the
17 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature ~~((an~~
18 ~~assessment of))~~ information about:

19 (a) All state programs addressing homeless housing and services;

20 (b) The state's performance in furthering the goals of the state
21 ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness strategic plan; and

22 (c) The performance of each participating local government in
23 creating and executing a local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness
24 plan ~~((which))~~ that meets the requirements of this chapter. ~~((The~~
25 ~~annual report may include performance measures such as:~~

26 ~~(a) The reduction in the number of homeless individuals and~~
27 ~~families from the initial count of homeless persons;~~

28 ~~(b) The number of new units available and affordable for homeless~~
29 ~~families by housing type;~~

30 ~~(c) The number of homeless individuals identified who are not~~
31 ~~offered suitable housing within thirty days of their request or~~
32 ~~identification as homeless;~~

33 ~~(d) The number of households at risk of losing housing who maintain~~
34 ~~it due to a preventive intervention;~~

35 ~~(e) The transition time from homelessness to permanent housing;~~

36 ~~(f) The cost per person housed at each level of the housing~~
37 ~~continuum;~~

1 ~~(g) The ability to successfully collect data and report~~
2 ~~performance;~~

3 ~~(h) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public~~
4 ~~bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community~~
5 ~~support and participation;~~

6 ~~(i) The quality and safety of housing provided; and~~

7 ~~(j) The effectiveness of outreach to homeless persons, and their~~
8 ~~satisfaction with the program.~~

9 ~~(4)) (6) The state plan must also include a response to each~~
10 ~~recommendation included in the local plans for policy changes to assist~~
11 ~~in ending homelessness and a summary of the recommendations to the~~
12 ~~legislature to streamline and simplify all homeless planning and~~
13 ~~reporting requirements, as required in section 21 of this act.~~

14 ~~(7) Based on the performance of local ((homeless housing)) ending~~
15 ~~homelessness programs in meeting their interim goals, on general~~
16 ~~population changes and on changes in the homeless population recorded~~
17 ~~in the ((annual)) census, the department may revise the performance~~
18 ~~measures and goals of the state ((homeless housing strategic plan))~~
19 ~~ending homelessness plans, set goals for years following the initial~~
20 ~~ten-year period, and recommend changes in local governments' ending~~
21 ~~homelessness plans.~~

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.050 and 2005 c 484 s 8 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 ~~(1)(a)(i) Each local ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness task~~
25 ~~force shall prepare and recommend to its local government legislative~~
26 ~~authority a ((ten-year homeless housing)) local ending homelessness~~
27 ~~plan for its jurisdictional area ((which shall be not inconsistent))~~
28 ~~that is consistent with the department's ((statewide temporary~~
29 ~~guidelines, for the December 31, 2005, plan, and thereafter the~~
30 ~~department's ten-year homeless housing)) state ending homelessness~~
31 ~~strategic plan and ((which shall be)) is aimed at eliminating~~
32 ~~homelessness, with a minimum goal of reducing homelessness by ((fifty))~~
33 ~~seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an ultimate goal of ending~~
34 ~~homelessness by December 31, 2018. ((The local government may amend~~
35 ~~the proposed local plan and shall adopt a plan by December 31, 2005.~~
36 ~~Performance in meeting the goals of this local plan shall be assessed~~
37 ~~annually in terms of the performance measures published by the~~

1 ~~department.))~~ Local governments must update their local ending
2 homelessness plan annually on a schedule to be determined by the
3 department.

4 (ii) Local plans must include specific strategic objectives and
5 performance measures, consistent with the state plan, and must include
6 corresponding action plans. Local plans must address identified
7 strategies to meet the needs of all homeless populations, including
8 chronic homeless, unsheltered homeless, short-term homeless, families,
9 individuals, and youth. Local plans must specifically identify efforts
10 to meet the needs of homeless students. Each local plan must include
11 the total estimated cost of accomplishing the goals of the plan to
12 reduce homelessness by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an ultimate
13 goal of ending homelessness by December 31, 2018, and must include an
14 accounting of total committed funds for this purpose.

15 (b)(i) The department must conduct an annual performance evaluation
16 of each local plan by December 31st of each year beginning in 2008.
17 The department must also conduct an annual performance evaluation of
18 each local government's performance related to its local plan by
19 December 31st of each year beginning in 2008. A local government's
20 performance must be evaluated using, at a minimum, the performance
21 measures outlined in RCW 43.185C.040(2).

22 (ii) In addition to the performance measures mandated in RCW
23 43.185C.040(2), local plans may include specific local performance
24 measures adopted by the local government legislative authority((~~r~~)) and
25 ((~~may~~)) must include recommendations for ((~~any~~)) state legislation
26 needed to meet the state or local plan goals. The recommendations must
27 be specific and must, if funding is required, include an estimated
28 amount of funding required and suggestions for an appropriate funding
29 source.

30 (2) Eligible activities under the local plans include:

31 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of homeless
32 persons;

33 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
34 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in
35 transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
36 homelessness;

37 (c) Operating subsidies for transitional housing or permanent
38 housing serving formerly homeless families or individuals;

1 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
2 prevention programs, including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
3 homelessness;

4 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state institutions
5 and other state programs to prevent them from becoming or remaining
6 homeless;

7 (f) Outreach services for homeless individuals and families;

8 (g) Development and management of local (~~homeless~~) ending
9 homelessness plans, including homeless census data collection(~~(+)~~) and
10 information, identification of goals, performance measures, strategies,
11 and costs, and evaluation of progress towards established goals;

12 (h) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for persons who are
13 homeless or below thirty percent of the median income or in immediate
14 danger of becoming homeless; (~~and~~)

15 (i) Implementing a quality management program and applying to the
16 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
17 quality management, accountability, and performance systems or applying
18 to the full examination Washington state quality award program; and

19 (j) Other activities to reduce and prevent homelessness as
20 identified for funding in the local plan.

21 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.070 and 2005 c 484 s 11 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) During each calendar year in which moneys from the (~~homeless~~
24 ~~housing~~) home security fund account are available for use by the
25 department for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant
26 program, the department shall announce to all Washington counties,
27 participating cities, and through major media throughout the state, a
28 grant application period of at least ninety days' duration. Grants may
29 be awarded for programs directly related to addressing the root causes
30 of homelessness, preventing homelessness, and collecting data and
31 information on homeless individuals. Only a local government
32 participating in the ending homelessness program is eligible to receive
33 an ending homelessness grant. This announcement will be made as often
34 as the director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources.
35 The department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
36 utilize available funds, less appropriate administrative costs of the
37 department as described in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act).

1 (2) The department ~~((will))~~ shall develop, ~~((with advice and input~~
2 ~~from the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW~~
3 ~~43.185B.020))~~ in consultation with the interagency council on
4 homelessness, criteria to evaluate grant applications.

5 (3) The department may approve only those applications ~~((only if~~
6 ~~they))~~ that are consistent with the local and state ~~((homeless housing~~
7 ~~program strategic))~~ ending homelessness plans. The department may give
8 preference to applications based on some or all of the following
9 criteria:

10 (a) The total homeless population in the applicant local government
11 service area, as reported by the most recent ~~((annual))~~ Washington
12 homeless census;

13 (b) Current local expenditures to provide housing for the homeless
14 and to address the underlying causes of homelessness as described in
15 RCW 43.185C.005;

16 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
17 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
18 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
19 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
20 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
21 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
22 sources such as professional, craft, and trade services, and lender
23 interest rate subsidies;

24 ~~((Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve~~
25 ~~homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty five~~
26 ~~years;~~

27 ~~(e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with~~
28 ~~the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs~~
29 ~~populations;~~

30 ~~((f))~~ The degree to which the applicant project represents a
31 collaboration between local governments, nonprofit community-based
32 organizations, local and state agencies, and the private sector~~((,~~
33 ~~especially through its integration with the coordinated and~~
34 ~~comprehensive plan for homeless families with children required under~~
35 ~~RCW 43.63A.650));~~

36 ~~((g))~~ (e) The cooperation of the local government in the
37 ~~((annual))~~ Washington homeless census ~~((project));~~

1 ~~((h))~~ (f) The number of homeless censuses or other homeless
2 counts conducted by the local government beyond the annual census
3 requirement;

4 (g) The commitment of the local government and any subcontracting
5 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities to
6 employ a diverse work force and pay wages at or above the self-
7 sufficiency standard;

8 (h) The commitment of the local government to apply to the
9 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
10 its quality management, accountability, and performance system or apply
11 to the full examination Washington state quality award program;

12 (i) The extent that a local government's subcontractors commit to
13 apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent
14 assessment of their quality management, accountability, and performance
15 systems or apply to the full examination Washington state quality award
16 program;

17 (j) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population is
18 disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter and RCW
19 36.22.178 and 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and

20 ~~((j))~~ (k) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly
21 related to the goal and the department's state ending homelessness
22 strategic plan.

23 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.080 and 2005 c 484 s 12 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) ~~((Only a local government is eligible to receive a homeless~~
26 ~~housing grant from the homeless housing account. Any city may assert~~
27 ~~responsibility for homeless housing within its borders if it so~~
28 ~~chooses, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of the~~
29 ~~county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a separate~~
30 ~~homeless housing program. The city shall then receive a percentage of~~
31 ~~the surcharge assessed under RCW 36.22.179 equal to the percentage of~~
32 ~~the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the~~
33 ~~county. A participating city may also then apply separately for~~
34 ~~homeless housing program grants. A city choosing to operate a separate~~
35 ~~homeless housing program shall be responsible for complying with all of~~
36 ~~the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local homeless~~
37 ~~housing plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for county local~~

1 plans. ~~However, the city may by resolution of its legislative~~
2 ~~authority accept the county's homeless housing task force as its own~~
3 ~~and based on that task force's recommendations adopt a homeless housing~~
4 ~~plan specific to the city.~~

5 (2)) Local governments (~~(applying for homeless housing funds)~~) may
6 subcontract with any other local government, housing authority,
7 community action agency, or other nonprofit organization for the
8 execution of programs contributing to the overall goal of ending
9 homelessness within a defined service area. All subcontracts (~~(shall)~~)
10 must be consistent with the local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
11 homelessness plan adopted by the legislative authority of the local
12 government, time limited, and filed with the department, and (~~(shall)~~)
13 must have specific performance terms. Local governments must strongly
14 encourage all subcontractors under the ending homelessness program to
15 apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent
16 assessment of their quality management, accountability, and performance
17 systems or apply to the full examination Washington state quality award
18 program. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
19 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the
20 ultimate responsibility for the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
21 homelessness program within its (~~(borders)~~) jurisdiction.

22 ((3)) (2) A county may decline to participate in the program
23 authorized in this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution
24 adopted by the county legislative authority stating the intention not
25 to participate. A copy of the resolution (~~(shall)~~) must also be
26 transmitted to the county auditor and treasurer. If (~~(such a)~~) the
27 resolution is adopted, all of the funds otherwise due to the county
28 under RCW (~~(43.185C.060 shall)~~) 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as recodified
29 by this act), minus funds due to any city that has chosen to
30 participate through the process established in subsection (3) of this
31 section, must be remitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit in
32 the (~~(homeless housing)~~) home security fund account, without any
33 reduction by the county for collecting or administering the funds.
34 Upon receipt of the resolution, the department shall promptly begin to
35 identify and contract with one or more entities eligible under this
36 section to create and execute a local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
37 homelessness plan for the county meeting the requirements of this
38 chapter. The department shall expend all of the funds received from

1 the county under this subsection to carry out the purposes of this
2 chapter (~~((484, Laws of 2005))~~) in the county, (~~((provided that))~~) but the
3 department may retain six percent of these funds to offset the cost of
4 managing the county's program.

5 (3) Any city may assert responsibility for homeless housing within
6 its borders, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of
7 the county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a
8 separate ending homelessness program. A city choosing to operate a
9 separate ending homelessness program receives a percentage of the
10 surcharges assessed under RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as recodified
11 by this act) equal to the percentage of the city's local portion of the
12 real estate excise tax collected by the county. A participating city
13 may also then apply separately for ending homelessness grants. A city
14 choosing to operate a separate ending homelessness program must comply
15 with all of the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local
16 ending homelessness plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for
17 local ending homelessness plans.

18 (4) A resolution by the county declining to participate in the
19 program (~~((shall have))~~) has no effect on the (~~((ability))~~) authority of
20 each city in the county to assert its right to manage its own program
21 under this chapter, and the county shall monthly transmit to the city
22 the funds due under (~~((this chapter))~~) RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as
23 recodified by this act).

24 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.090 and 2005 c 484 s 13 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 The department shall allocate ending homelessness grant moneys from
27 the (~~((homeless housing))~~) home security fund account to finance in whole
28 or in part programs and projects in approved local (~~((homeless housing))~~)
29 ending homelessness plans (~~((to assist homeless individuals and families~~
30 ~~gain access to adequate housing, prevent at risk individuals from~~
31 ~~becoming homeless, address the root causes of homelessness, track and~~
32 ~~report on homeless related data, and facilitate the movement of~~
33 ~~homeless or formerly homeless individuals along the housing continuum~~
34 ~~toward more stable and independent housing))~~) for programs directly
35 related to addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing
36 homelessness, and collecting data and information on homeless

1 individuals. The department may issue criteria or guidelines to guide
2 local governments in the application process.

3 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.100 and 2005 c 484 s 14 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The department shall provide technical assistance to any
6 participating local government that requests such assistance.
7 Technical assistance activities may include:

8 (1) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate parties to
9 participate on local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness task
10 forces;

11 (2) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate service
12 providers with which the local governments may subcontract for service
13 provision and development activities, when necessary;

14 (3) Assisting local governments to implement or expand homeless
15 census programs to meet (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness
16 program requirements;

17 (4) Assisting local governments in the local implementation and
18 updating of the homeless client management information system as
19 required in RCW 43.185C.180;

20 (5) Assisting local governments to apply to the Washington state
21 quality award program for an independent assessment of their quality
22 management, accountability, and performance systems or apply to the
23 full examination Washington state quality award program;

24 (6) Assisting local governments to strongly encourage all
25 subcontractors to apply to the Washington state quality award program
26 for an independent assessment of their quality management,
27 accountability, and performance systems or apply to the full
28 examination Washington state quality award program;

29 (7) Assisting local governments to create quality ending
30 homelessness plans;

31 (8) Assisting in the identification of "best practices" from other
32 areas;

33 (~~(+5)~~) (9) Assisting in identifying additional funding sources for
34 specific projects; and

35 (~~(+6)~~) (10) Training local government and subcontractor staff,
36 including quality management training.

1 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.130 and 2005 c 484 s 17 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The department shall ensure that the state's interest is protected
4 upon the development, use, sale, or change of use of projects
5 constructed, acquired, or financed in whole or in part through the
6 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant program. These policies
7 may include, but are not limited to: (1) Requiring a share of the
8 appreciation in the project in proportion to the state's contribution
9 to the project, or (2) requiring a lump sum repayment of the grant upon
10 the sale or change of use of the project.

11 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.160 and 2005 c 485 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) Each county shall create (~~a homeless housing~~) an ending
14 homelessness task force to develop a (~~ten year homeless housing~~)
15 ending homelessness plan addressing short-term and long-term services
16 and housing (~~for homeless persons~~) to prevent and reduce homelessness
17 by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and to achieve the ultimate goal of
18 ending homelessness by December 31, 2018.

19 Membership on the task force may include representatives of the
20 counties, cities, towns, housing authorities, civic and faith
21 organizations, schools, community networks, human services providers,
22 law enforcement personnel, criminal justice personnel, including
23 prosecutors, probation officers, and jail administrators, substance
24 abuse treatment providers, mental health care providers, emergency
25 health care providers, businesses, at-large representatives of the
26 community, and a homeless or formerly homeless individual.

27 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
28 designate an existing governmental or nonprofit body (~~which~~) that
29 substantially conforms to this section and (~~which~~) includes at least
30 one homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless
31 representative. As an alternative to a separate plan, two or more
32 local governments may work in concert to develop and execute a joint
33 (~~homeless housing~~) local ending homelessness plan, or to contract
34 with another entity to do so according to the requirements of this
35 chapter. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
36 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the

1 ultimate responsibility for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending
2 homelessness program within its borders.

3 (~~A county may decline to participate in the program authorized in~~
4 ~~this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by~~
5 ~~the county legislative authority stating the intention not to~~
6 ~~participate. A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the~~
7 ~~county auditor and treasurer. If a county declines to participate, the~~
8 ~~department shall create and execute a local homeless housing plan for~~
9 ~~the county meeting the requirements of this chapter.~~)

10 (2) In addition to developing a (~~ten-year homeless housing~~) local
11 ending homelessness plan, each task force shall establish guidelines
12 consistent with the statewide (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
13 strategic plan, as needed, for the following:

- 14 (a) Emergency shelters;
- 15 (b) Short-term housing needs;
- 16 (c) Temporary encampments;
- 17 (d) Rental voucher programs;
- 18 (e) Timely housing opportunities for unsheltered homeless;
- 19 (f) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; (~~and~~
- 20 ~~(e)~~) (g) Long-term housing; and
- 21 (h) Prevention services.

22 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and
23 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the
24 homeless.

25 (3) Each county(~~, including counties exempted from creating a new~~
26 ~~task force under subsection (1) of this section,~~) shall report to the
27 department of community, trade, and economic development (~~such~~) any
28 information (~~as may be~~) needed to ensure compliance with this
29 chapter.

30 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.185C.900 and 2005 c 484 s 2 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 This chapter may be known and cited as the ending homelessness
33 (~~housing and assistance~~) act.

34 **Sec. 13.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2007 c 427 s 4 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and

1 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
2 surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged by the county auditor for
3 each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge
4 allowed by law. The funds collected pursuant to this section are to be
5 distributed and used as follows:

6 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the fee,
7 and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county to be
8 deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its cities
9 and towns to accomplish the purposes of this chapter, six percent of
10 which may be used by the county for administrative costs related to its
11 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness plan, and the remainder for
12 programs which directly accomplish the goals of the county's local
13 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness plan, except that for each
14 city in the county which elects as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to
15 operate its own local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness program,
16 a percentage of the surcharge assessed under this section equal to the
17 percentage of the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax
18 collected by the county shall be transmitted at least quarterly to the
19 city treasurer, without any deduction for county administrative costs,
20 for use by the city for program costs which directly contribute to the
21 goals of the city's local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
22 plan; of the funds received by the city, it may use six percent for
23 administrative costs for its (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
24 program.

25 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
26 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
27 department may use twelve and one-half percent of this amount for
28 administration of the program established in RCW 43.185C.020, including
29 the costs of creating the statewide (~~homeless housing~~) ending
30 homelessness strategic plan, measuring performance, providing technical
31 assistance to local governments, and managing the (~~homeless housing~~)
32 ending homelessness grant program. The remaining eighty-seven and one-
33 half percent is to be used by the department to:

34 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
35 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
36 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
37 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
38 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

1 (ii) Fund the ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness grant
2 program.

3 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
4 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

5 **Sec. 14.** RCW 36.22.1791 and 2007 c 427 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and
8 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act), and except as provided in
9 subsection (2) of this section, the county auditor shall charge an
10 additional surcharge of eight dollars for each document recorded, which
11 is in addition to any other charge allowed by law. The funds collected
12 under this section are to be distributed and used as follows:

13 (a) The auditor shall remit ninety percent to the county to be
14 deposited into a fund six percent of which may be used by the county
15 for administrative costs related to its ((homeless-housing)) ending
16 homelessness plan, and the remainder for programs that directly
17 accomplish the goals of the county's local ((homeless-housing)) ending
18 homelessness plan, except that for each city in the county that elects,
19 as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080, to operate its own ((homeless
20 housing)) ending homelessness program, a percentage of the surcharge
21 assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the city's local
22 portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the county must be
23 transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer for use by the
24 city for program costs that directly contribute to the goals of the
25 city's ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness plan.

26 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
27 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
28 department may use the funds for administering the program established
29 in RCW 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating and updating the
30 statewide ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness strategic plan,
31 measuring performance, providing technical assistance to local
32 governments, and managing the ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness
33 grant program. Remaining funds may also be used to:

34 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
35 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
36 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental

1 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
2 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

3 (ii) Fund the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant
4 program.

5 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
6 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

7 **Sec. 15.** RCW 43.185C.170 and 2006 c 349 s 7 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The interagency council on homelessness, as defined in RCW
10 43.185C.010, shall (~~be convened not later than~~) convene by August 31,
11 2006, and shall meet at least two times each year and report to the
12 appropriate committees of the legislature annually by December 31st on
13 its activities.

14 (2) The interagency council on homelessness shall work to create
15 greater levels of interagency coordination and to coordinate state
16 agency efforts with the efforts of state and local entities addressing
17 homelessness.

18 (3) The interagency council on homelessness must respond to all
19 state and local legislative and policy recommendations included in the
20 state and local ending homelessness plans. The interagency council
21 must annually present its strategy for addressing the issues raised to
22 the appropriate committees of the legislature and must also include a
23 report on the actions taken to date that address these issues.

24 (4) The interagency council shall seek to:

25 (a) Align homeless-related housing and supportive service policies
26 among state agencies;

27 (b) Identify ways in which providing housing with appropriate
28 services can contribute to cost savings for state agencies;

29 (c) Identify policies and actions that may contribute to
30 homelessness or interfere with its reduction;

31 (d) Review and improve strategies for discharge from state
32 institutions that contribute to homelessness;

33 (e) Recommend policies to either improve practices or align
34 resources, or both, including those policies requested by the
35 affordable housing advisory board or through state and local housing
36 plans; and

1 (f) Ensure that the housing status of people served by state
2 programs is collected in consistent formats available for analysis.

3 **Sec. 16.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2006 c 349 s 8 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the department,
6 within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this specific
7 purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client management
8 information system for the ongoing collection and updates of
9 information about all homeless individuals in the state.

10 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington
11 homeless client management information system shall come from the
12 Washington homeless census ~~((and))~~, from state agencies, and from
13 community organizations providing services to homeless individuals and
14 families. Personally identifying information about homeless
15 individuals for the Washington homeless client management system may
16 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time
17 limited written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
18 information relates. Data collection ~~((shall))~~ must be done in a
19 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines regarding
20 human research which, at a minimum, require that individuals be
21 informed about the expected duration of their participation, an
22 explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about
23 the data collection and their rights regarding their personal
24 identifying information, an explanation regarding whom to contact in
25 the event of injury to the individual related to the homeless client
26 survey, a description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the
27 homeless individual, and a statement describing the extent to which
28 confidentiality of records identifying the individual will be
29 maintained.

30 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
31 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable
32 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
33 database with available housing and other support services. Local
34 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
35 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
36 homeless persons.

1 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management
2 information system will also provide the department with the
3 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and nature
4 of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to information
5 about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington state among
6 families with children.

7 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and
8 reporting systems and shall:

9 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

10 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant
11 state agencies, including the department of social and health services,
12 experts, and community organizations involved in the delivery of
13 services to homeless persons; and

14 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state
15 agencies.

16 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this
17 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information
18 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly, using
19 appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

20 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system
21 (~~shall~~) must be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with
22 new homeless client information at least (~~annually~~) twice each year.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 The department shall contract with the employment security
26 department to annually establish two self-sufficiency income standards
27 based upon the cost of living, including housing costs, which include
28 mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than telephone, for each
29 county in the state. The self-sufficiency income standards must be
30 based upon the costs needed to support: (1) One adult individual; and
31 (2) two adult individuals and one preschool-aged child and one school-
32 aged child. These income standards will be translated into an
33 equivalent hourly wage rate assuming one full-year, full-time earner
34 for the self-sufficiency income standards for each county. The self-
35 sufficiency income standards must be presented to the legislature by
36 December 31, 2009. The employment security department must spend no
37 more than one hundred ten thousand dollars in creating the initial

1 self-sufficiency income standards and no more than fifty-five thousand
2 dollars annually to update the standards. The employment security
3 department shall deliver a report to the department and the appropriate
4 committees of the legislature that details the number and percentage of
5 individuals statewide and in each county who do not have a good family
6 wage job and, as a result, earn less than the self-sufficiency income
7 standards, as well as the number and percentage of individuals
8 statewide and in each county who have a good family wage job and, as a
9 result, earn an amount equivalent to or more than the self-sufficiency
10 income standards.

11 **Sec. 18.** RCW 43.185B.030 and 1993 c 478 s 6 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The affordable housing advisory board shall:

14 (1) Analyze those solutions and programs that could begin to
15 address the state's need for housing that is affordable for all
16 economic segments of the state, and special needs populations,
17 including but not limited to programs or proposals which provide for:

18 (a) Financing for the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or
19 construction of housing;

20 (b) Use of publicly owned land and buildings as sites for
21 affordable housing;

22 (c) Coordination of state initiatives with federal initiatives and
23 financing programs that are referenced in the Cranston-Gonzalez
24 national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12701 et seq.), as
25 amended, and development of an approved housing strategy as required in
26 the Cranston-Gonzalez national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
27 12701 et seq.), as amended;

28 (d) Identification and removal, where appropriate and not
29 detrimental to the public health and safety, or environment, of state
30 and local regulatory barriers to the development and placement of
31 affordable housing;

32 (e) Stimulating public and private sector cooperation in the
33 development of affordable housing; and

34 (f) Development of solutions and programs affecting housing,
35 including the equitable geographic distribution of housing for all
36 economic segments, as the advisory board deems necessary;

1 (2) Consider both homeownership and rental housing as viable
2 options for the provision of housing. The advisory board shall give
3 consideration to various types of residential construction and
4 innovative housing options, including but not limited to manufactured
5 housing;

6 (3) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding existing
7 and proposed housing programs and initiatives including but not limited
8 to tax policies, land use policies, and financing programs. The
9 advisory board shall provide recommendations to the director, along
10 with the department's response in the annual housing report to the
11 legislature required in RCW 43.185B.040; and

12 (4) Prepare and submit to the director and to the legislature, by
13 each December 1st, beginning December 1, 1993, a report (~~detailing~~
14 ~~its~~) that (a) details the board's findings and (b) discusses the
15 measurable relationship between jobs paying less than the self-
16 sufficiency standard, established under section 17 of this act, and
17 housing affordability, and make specific program, legislative, and
18 funding recommendations and any other recommendations it deems
19 appropriate.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct two
23 performance audits of the ending homelessness program. The first audit
24 must be conducted by December 31, 2010. The second audit must be
25 conducted by December 31, 2014. Each audit must take no longer than
26 six months or one hundred thousand dollars to complete.

27 **Sec. 20.** RCW 43.20A.790 and 1999 c 267 s 2 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The department of social and health services shall collaborate
30 with the department (~~of community, trade, and economic development~~)
31 in the development of (~~the~~) a coordinated and comprehensive plan for
32 homeless families with children (~~required under RCW 43.63A.650, which~~
33 ~~designates the department of community, trade, and economic development~~
34 ~~as the state agency with primary responsibility for providing shelter~~
35 ~~and housing services to homeless families with children. In fulfilling~~
36 ~~its responsibilities to collaborate with the department of community,~~

1 ~~trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.63A.650,))~~ that must
2 be integrated into the state ending homelessness strategic plan created
3 in RCW 43.185C.040. The department of social and health services shall
4 develop, administer, supervise, and monitor its portion of the plan((
5 The department's portion of the plan shall)), which must contain at
6 least the following elements:

- 7 (a) Coordination or linkage of services with shelter and housing;
- 8 (b) Accommodation and addressing the needs of homeless families in
9 the design and administration of department programs;
- 10 (c) Participation of the department's local offices in the
11 identification, assistance, and referral of homeless families; and
- 12 (d) Ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the
13 plan's design and implementation.

14 (2) The department shall include community organizations involved
15 in the delivery of services to homeless families with children, and
16 experts in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan.

17 ~~((3) The duties under this section shall be implemented within~~
18 ~~amounts appropriated for that specific purpose by the legislature in~~
19 ~~the operating and capital budgets.))~~

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The department shall collaborate with the Washington state housing
23 finance commission, the affordable housing advisory board, and all
24 local governments, housing authorities, and nonprofits receiving state
25 housing funds, home security funds, or financing through the housing
26 finance commission to include in the state ending homelessness plan, by
27 December 31, 2009, recommendations, where possible:

- 28 (1) To streamline and simplify all housing planning, application,
29 and reporting requirements; and
- 30 (2) For legislative actions that could promote the state goal to
31 end homelessness.

32 **Sec. 22.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2007 c 523 s 2 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following
35 fees for their official services:

1 (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-
2 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page
3 eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for
4 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be
5 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required
6 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction
7 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;
8 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional
9 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may
10 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or
11 transaction;

12 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight
13 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each
14 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one
15 dollar;

16 (3) For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-
17 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

18 (4) For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or
19 without seal, two dollars;

20 (5) For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee
21 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and
22 transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital
23 statistics) plus an additional five-dollar fee for use and support of
24 the prevention of child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted
25 monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund
26 plus an additional ten-dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the
27 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund. The
28 legislature intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the
29 revenue generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced
30 homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

31 (6) For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

32 (7) For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery
33 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one
34 dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED,
35 That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

36 (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for
37 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five

1 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches
2 or less, one dollar;

3 (9) For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing
4 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170;

5 (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in
6 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable
7 recording fees;

8 (11) For recording instruments, a two-dollar surcharge to be
9 deposited into the Washington state heritage center account created in
10 RCW 43.07.129;

11 (12) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW
12 36.22.178; (~~and~~)

13 (13) For recording instruments, except for documents recording a
14 birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents otherwise exempted
15 from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as provided in RCW
16 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and

17 (14) For recording instruments, except for documents recording a
18 birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents otherwise exempted
19 from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as provided in RCW
20 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act).

21 **Sec. 23.** RCW 43.185C.150 and 2005 c 484 s 21 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 This chapter does not require either the department or any local
24 government to expend any funds to accomplish the goals of this chapter
25 other than the revenues authorized in chapter 484, Laws of 2005 and the
26 revenues authorized in RCW 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act).
27 However, neither the department nor any local government may use any
28 funds authorized in chapter 484, Laws of 2005 or the revenues
29 authorized in RCW 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act) to supplant or
30 reduce any existing expenditures of public money for the reduction or
31 prevention of homelessness or services for homeless persons.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** RCW 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.20A.790, and
33 43.63A.650 are each recodified as sections in chapter 43.185C RCW.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** The department of community, trade, and
35 economic development shall contract with the Washington institute for

1 public policy to conduct a study to determine the most effective,
2 accurate, and comprehensive way for counties and the state of
3 Washington to measure and evaluate the societal cost of homelessness.
4 The department shall not spend more than one hundred thousand dollars
5 on the study, and the results of the study must be presented to the
6 appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30, 2009.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** If specific funding for the purposes of
8 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
9 provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act
10 is null and void."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "homelessness;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.185C.005,
13 43.185C.010, 43.185C.020, 43.185C.040, 43.185C.050, 43.185C.070,
14 43.185C.080, 43.185C.090, 43.185C.100, 43.185C.130, 43.185C.160,
15 43.185C.900, 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.185C.170, 43.185C.180,
16 43.185B.030, 43.20A.790, 36.18.010, and 43.185C.150; adding new
17 sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; creating new sections; and recodifying
18 RCW 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650."

EFFECT: Changes the joint legislative audit and review committee's
audit responsibility from every four years to two audits, the first in
2010 and the second in 2014.

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