

SSB 5959 - S AMD

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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 43.185C  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The transitional housing operating and rent program is created  
6 in the department to assist homeless individuals and families secure  
7 and retain safe, decent, and affordable housing. The department shall  
8 provide grants to eligible organizations, as described in RCW  
9 43.185.060, to provide assistance to program participants. The  
10 eligible organizations must use grant moneys for:

11 (a) Rental assistance, which includes security or utility deposits,  
12 first and last month's rent assistance, and eligible moving expenses to  
13 be determined by the department;

14 (b) Case management services designed to assist program  
15 participants to secure and retain immediate housing and to transition  
16 into permanent housing and greater levels of self-sufficiency;

17 (c) Operating expenses of transitional housing facilities that  
18 serve homeless families with children; and

19 (d) Administrative costs of the eligible organization, which must  
20 not exceed limits prescribed by the department.

21 (2) Eligible to receive assistance through the transitional housing  
22 operating and rent program are:

23 (a) Families with children who are homeless or who are at risk of  
24 becoming homeless and who have household incomes at or below fifty  
25 percent of the median household income for their county;

26 (b) Individuals or families without children who are homeless or at  
27 risk of becoming homeless and who have household incomes at or below  
28 thirty percent of the median household income for their county;

29 (c) Individuals or families who are homeless or who are at risk of

1 becoming homeless and who have a household with an adult member who has  
2 a mental health or chemical dependency disorder; and

3 (d) Individuals or families who are homeless or who are at risk of  
4 becoming homeless and who have a household with an adult member who is  
5 an offender released from confinement within the past eighteen months.

6 (3) All program participants must be willing to create and actively  
7 participate in a housing stability plan for achieving permanent housing  
8 and greater levels of self-sufficiency.

9 (4) Data on all program participants must be entered into and  
10 tracked through the Washington homeless client management information  
11 system as described in RCW 43.185C.180.

12 (5) The department encourages eligible organizations funded through  
13 the program to have a quality management system and to submit an  
14 application to the Washington state quality award program to evaluate  
15 that system.

16 (6) The department may develop rules, requirements, procedures, and  
17 guidelines as necessary to implement and operate the transitional  
18 housing operating and rent program.

19 (7) The department shall produce an annual transitional housing  
20 operating and rent program report that must be included in the  
21 department's homeless housing strategic plan as described in  
22 43.185C.040. The report must include performance measures to be  
23 determined by the department that address, at a minimum, the following  
24 issue areas:

25 (a) The success of the program in helping program participants  
26 transition into permanent housing and increase their levels of self-  
27 sufficiency;

28 (b) The financial performance of the program related to efficient  
29 program administration by the department and program operation by  
30 selected eligible organizations, including an analysis of the costs per  
31 program participant served;

32 (c) The quality, completeness, and timeliness of the information on  
33 program participants provided to the Washington homeless client  
34 management information system database; and

35 (d) The satisfaction of program participants in the assistance  
36 provided through the program.

