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## Appropriations Committee

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### SB 6335

**Brief Description:** Concerning the homeless families services fund.

**Sponsors:** Senators Prentice, Shin, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appropriates \$6 million from the state General Fund to the Homeless Families Services Fund.</li></ul>



**Hearing Date:** 1/29/08

**Staff:** Owen Rowe (786-7391).

**Background:**

The Legislature created the Homeless Families Services Fund (Fund) in 2004, and since then has appropriated \$6 million General Fund - State to the Fund. The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (DCTED) administers the Fund. The Fund may be used to provide state matching funds for housing-based supportive services for homeless families. Activities eligible for funding include: case management, counseling, referrals to employment and job training, domestic violence services and programs, mental health services and programs, substance abuse services and programs, parenting skills education and training, transportation assistance, and child care.

Organizations authorized to receive funds include local housing authorities, nonprofit community or neighborhood-based organizations, public development authorities, federally recognized Indian tribes, and regional or statewide nonprofit housing assistance organizations. To date, all appropriations to the Fund have been transferred to the Washington Families Fund, which is jointly administered by DCTED and Building Changes, a statewide nonprofit. The DCTED authorizes release of the funds as private matching funds are received.

**Summary of Bill:**

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Six million dollars is appropriated from the state General Fund for expenditure in the Homeless Families Services Fund.

**Appropriation:** The sum of \$6 million state General Fund.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.