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By House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Pettigrew, Morrell, Ormsby, Green, Darneille, Haigh, Moeller, Wallace, Santos and Simpson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to programs to end homelessness; amending RCW
2 43.185C.005, 43.185C.010, 43.185C.020, 43.185C.040, 43.185C.050,
3 43.185C.060, 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080, 43.185C.090, 43.185C.100,
4 43.185C.130, 43.185C.160, 43.185C.900, 36.22.179, 43.185C.170,
5 43.185C.180, 43.185B.030, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650; reenacting and
6 amending RCW 36.18.010; adding new sections to chapter 43.185C RCW;
7 recodifying RCW 36.22.179, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650; and making
8 appropriations.

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

10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.005 and 2005 c 484 s 1 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Despite laudable efforts by all levels of government, private
13 individuals, nonprofit organizations, and charitable foundations to end
14 homelessness, the number of homeless persons in Washington is
15 unacceptably high. The state's homeless population, furthermore,
16 includes a large number of families with children, youth, and employed
17 persons. The legislature finds that the fiscal and societal costs of
18 homelessness are high for both the public and private sectors, and that

1 ending homelessness (~~should~~) must be a goal for state and local
2 government.

3 The legislature finds that there are many causes of homelessness,
4 including a shortage of affordable housing; a shortage of family-wage
5 jobs which undermines housing affordability; a lack of an accessible
6 and affordable health care system available to all who suffer from
7 physical and mental illnesses and chemical and alcohol dependency;
8 domestic violence; (~~and~~) a lack of education and job skills necessary
9 to acquire adequate wage jobs in the economy of the twenty-first
10 century; inadequate availability of services for citizens with mental
11 illness and developmental disabilities living in the community; and the
12 difficulties faced by formerly institutionalized persons in
13 reintegrating to society and finding stable employment and housing.

14 The support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide
15 community is critical to the chances of success in ending homelessness
16 in Washington. While the provision of housing and housing-related
17 services to the homeless should be administered at the local level to
18 best address specific community needs, the legislature also recognizes
19 the need for the state to play a primary coordinating, supporting,
20 (~~and~~) monitoring, and evaluating role. There must be a clear
21 assignment of responsibilities and a clear statement of achievable and
22 quantifiable goals. Systematic statewide data collection on
23 (~~homelessness~~) homeless individuals in Washington must be a critical
24 component of such a program enabling the state to work with local
25 governments not only to count all homeless people in the state, but to
26 record and manage information about homeless persons (~~and~~) in order
27 to assist them in finding housing and other supportive services that
28 can help them, when possible, achieve the highest degree of self-
29 sufficiency and economic independence that is appropriate given their
30 specific abilities and situations.

31 The systematic collection and rigorous evaluation of homeless data,
32 a nationwide search for and implementation through adequate resource
33 allocation of best practices, and the systematic measurement of
34 progress toward interim goals and the ultimate goal of ending
35 homelessness are all necessary components of a statewide effort to end
36 homelessness in Washington by July 1, 2015.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2006 c 349 s 6 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
4 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

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

9 (3) "Homeless person" means an individual (~~((living outside or in a~~
10 ~~building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal~~
11 ~~right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing~~
12 ~~program which may include a transitional and supportive housing program~~
13 ~~if habitation time limits exist)) living outside, in a building not
14 meant for human habitation or which he or she has no legal right to
15 occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing program that
16 may include a transitional and supportive housing program if habitation
17 time limits exist. This definition includes substance abusers,
18 (~~((mentally ill people)) individuals with mental illness, and sex
19 offenders who are homeless.~~~~

20 (4) "Washington homeless census" or "census" means (~~((an annual))~~) a
21 statewide census conducted at least annually as a collaborative effort
22 by towns, cities, counties, community-based organizations, and state
23 agencies, with the technical support and coordination of the
24 department, to count and collect (~~((data on))~~) information about all
25 homeless individuals in Washington.

26 (5) "~~((Homeless housing)) Ending homelessness account" means the
27 state treasury account receiving the state's portion of income from
28 revenue from the sources established by RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by
29 this act) and other revenue sources directed to the ending homelessness
30 program.~~

31 (6) "~~((Homeless housing)) Ending homelessness grant program" means
32 the (~~((vehicle by))~~) program established in RCW 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080,
33 and 43.185C.090 under which competitive grants are awarded by the
34 department, utilizing moneys from the (~~((homeless housing))~~) ending
35 homelessness account, to local governments for programs directly
36 related to housing homeless individuals and families, addressing the
37 root causes of homelessness, preventing homelessness, collecting data~~

1 and information on homeless individuals, and other efforts directly
2 related to housing homeless persons.

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

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

10 (9) "Local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness task force"
11 means a voluntary local committee created under RCW 43.185C.160 to
12 ~~((advise a local government on the creation of))~~ develop a local
13 ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness plan and participate in a
14 local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness program. ~~((It must
15 include a representative of the county, a representative of the largest
16 city located within the county, at least one homeless or formerly
17 homeless person, such other members as may be required to maintain
18 eligibility for federal funding related to housing programs and
19 services and if feasible, a representative of a private nonprofit
20 organization with experience in low income housing.))~~

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

24 (11) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
25 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level
26 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of
27 community, trade, and economic development; (b) the department of
28 corrections; (c) the department of social and health services; (d) the
29 department of veterans affairs; ~~((and))~~ (e) the department of health;
30 and (f) the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

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

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

1 (14) "Quality management program" means a nationally recognized
2 program using criteria similar or equivalent to the Baldrige criteria.
3 All local governments receiving over five hundred thousand dollars from
4 (a) state funding sources, including the housing trust fund, (b)
5 housing finance commission programs, and (c) the ending homelessness
6 program surcharge in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act) and the
7 surcharges in RCW 36.22.178, shall apply to the full examination
8 Washington state quality award program once every three years beginning
9 by January 1, 2010. The department and the Washington state housing
10 finance commission must apply to the full examination Washington state
11 quality award program by December 31, 2009, and at least once every
12 three years thereafter.

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

15 ~~((14))~~ (16) "Housing authority" means any of the public
16 corporations created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

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

21 ~~((16) "Homeless housing"))~~ (18) "Local ending homelessness plan"
22 means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the ~~((county or other))~~ local
23 government to address ~~((housing for homeless persons))~~ ending
24 homelessness.

25 ~~((17) "Homeless housing"))~~ (19) "State ending homelessness
26 strategic plan" means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the
27 department, in consultation with the interagency council on
28 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
29 affordable housing advisory board, to address ending homelessness.

30 ~~((18))~~ (20) "Washington homeless client management information
31 system" means a database of information about homeless individuals in
32 the state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to
33 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-sufficiency
34 or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon their
35 individual situations.

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

1 There is created within the department the ~~((homeless housing))~~
2 ending homelessness program to develop and ~~((coordinate))~~ implement a
3 statewide ending homelessness strategic plan ~~((aimed at housing~~
4 ~~homeless persons))~~, coordinate and monitor local government ending
5 homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending
6 homelessness grant program. The ending homelessness program has an
7 established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population
8 statewide and in each county by fifty percent by July 1, 2015, and an
9 ultimate goal of ending homelessness. The ending homelessness program
10 ~~((shall be))~~ is developed and administered by the department with
11 advice and input from the affordable housing advisory board established
12 in RCW 43.185B.020.

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

15 (1) ~~((Six months after the first Washington homeless census,))~~ The
16 department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on
17 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
18 affordable housing advisory board, prepare and ~~((publish a ten-year~~
19 ~~homeless housing))~~ annually update a state ending homelessness
20 strategic plan which ~~((shall))~~ must outline statewide goals and
21 performance measures ~~((and shall be coordinated with the plan for~~
22 ~~homeless families with children required under RCW 43.63A.650. To~~
23 ~~guide local governments in preparation of their first local homeless~~
24 ~~housing plans due December 31, 2005, the department shall issue by~~
25 ~~October 15, 2005, temporary guidelines consistent with this chapter and~~
26 ~~including the best available data on each community's homeless~~
27 ~~population))~~. Local governments' ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ local
28 ending homelessness plans ~~((shall not))~~ must include all of the
29 performance measures included in the state ending homelessness
30 strategic plan and must be substantially ~~((inconsistent))~~ consistent
31 with the goals and program recommendations of ~~((the temporary~~
32 ~~guidelines and, when amended after 2005,))~~ the state ending
33 homelessness strategic plan.

34 (2)(a) Program outcomes and performance measures and goals
35 ~~((shall))~~ must be created by the department ~~((and reflected))~~ in
36 consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task
37 force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs

1 of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives
2 appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending
3 homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and
4 communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a
5 representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates
6 for ending homelessness. The task force must also produce guidelines
7 for local governments regarding methods, techniques, and data suggested
8 to measure each performance measure. Performance measures, yearly
9 targets, and corresponding measurement guidelines must be established
10 by December 31, 2007, and must be reviewed annually by the department
11 and the interagency council on homelessness after soliciting feedback
12 from all local ending homelessness task forces. Performance measures
13 must be included in the department's ((homeless housing)) state ending
14 homelessness strategic plan ((as well as)) and all local ending
15 homelessness plans.

16 (b) The department may determine a timeline for implementation and
17 measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending
18 homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments
19 must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31,
20 2009, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not
21 applicable to a specific local area according to parameters and
22 thresholds established by the department.

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

26 (i) The societal cost of homelessness;

27 (ii) The cost of ending homelessness in comparison with available
28 and committed resources;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 ~~((c))~~ (b) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population
12 statewide and in each county by fifty percent.

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

18 (5) The department shall, in consultation with the interagency
19 council on homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness,
20 and the affordable housing advisory board, report annually to the
21 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature ~~((an~~
22 ~~assessment of))~~ the fiscal and societal costs of the homeless crisis,
23 including identifying, to the extent practical, savings in state and
24 local program costs that could be obtained through the achievement of
25 stable housing for the clients served by those programs.

26 (6) The department shall also deliver a summary annual report,
27 including information about:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 ~~(g) The ability to successfully collect data and report~~
10 ~~performance;~~

11 ~~(h) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public~~
12 ~~bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community~~
13 ~~support and participation;~~

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

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

17 ~~(4)) (7) The state plan must also include a response to each~~
18 ~~recommendation included in the local plans for policy changes to assist~~
19 ~~in ending homelessness and a summary of the recommendations to the~~
20 ~~legislature to streamline and simplify all homeless planning and~~
21 ~~reporting requirements, as required in section 24 of this act.~~

22 ~~(8) Based on the performance of local ((homeless housing)) ending~~
23 ~~homelessness programs in meeting their interim goals, on general~~
24 ~~population changes and on changes in the homeless population recorded~~
25 ~~in the ((annual)) census, the department may revise the performance~~
26 ~~measures and goals of the state ((homeless housing strategic plan))~~
27 ~~ending homelessness plans, set goals for years following the initial~~
28 ~~ten-year period, and recommend changes in local governments' ending~~
29 ~~homelessness plans.~~

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

32 (1)(a)(i) Each local ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness task
33 force shall prepare and recommend to its local government legislative
34 authority a ((ten-year homeless housing)) local ending homelessness
35 plan for its jurisdictional area ((which shall be not inconsistent))
36 that is consistent with the department's ((statewide temporary
37 guidelines, for the December 31, 2005, plan, and thereafter the

1 ~~department's ten year homeless housing))~~ state ending homelessness
2 strategic plan and ((which shall be)) is aimed at eliminating
3 homelessness, with a minimum goal of reducing homelessness by fifty
4 percent by July 1, 2015. ~~((The local government may amend the proposed~~
5 ~~local plan and shall adopt a plan by December 31, 2005. Performance in~~
6 ~~meeting the goals of this local plan shall be assessed annually in~~
7 ~~terms of the performance measures published by the department.))~~ Local
8 governments must update their local ending homelessness plan annually
9 on a schedule to be determined by the department.

10 (ii) Local plans must include specific strategic objectives,
11 consistent with the state plan, and must include corresponding action
12 plans. Local plans must address identified strategies to meet the
13 needs of all homeless populations, including chronic homeless, short-
14 term homeless, families, individuals, and youth. Each local plan must
15 include the total estimated cost of accomplishing the goals of the plan
16 to reduce homelessness by fifty percent by July 1, 2015, and must
17 include an accounting of total committed funds for this purpose.

18 (b)(i) The department must conduct an annual performance evaluation
19 of each local plan by December 31st of each year beginning in 2007.
20 The department must also conduct an annual performance evaluation of
21 each local government's performance related to its local plan by
22 December 31st of each year beginning in 2007. A local government's
23 performance must be evaluated using, at a minimum, the performance
24 measures outlined in RCW 43.185C.040(2).

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

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

34 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of homeless
35 persons;

36 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
37 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in

1 transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
2 homelessness;

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

5 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
6 prevention programs, including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
7 homelessness;

8 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state institutions
9 and other state programs to prevent them from becoming or remaining
10 homeless;

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

12 (g) Development and management of local (~~homeless~~) ending
13 homelessness plans, including homeless census data collection(~~(+)~~) and
14 information, identification of goals, performance measures, strategies,
15 and costs, and evaluation of progress towards established goals;

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

19 (i) Implementing a quality management program and applying to the
20 full examination Washington state quality award program; and

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

23 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.060 and 2005 c 484 s 10 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 The (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness account is created in
26 the custody of the state treasurer. The state's portion of the
27 surcharge established in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act) must
28 be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the account may be used
29 only for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness program as
30 described in this chapter. Only the director or the director's
31 designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is
32 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
33 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

34 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.070 and 2005 c 484 s 11 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) During each calendar year in which moneys from the (~~homeless~~

1 ~~housing~~) ending homelessness account are available for use by the
2 department for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant
3 program, the department shall announce to all Washington counties,
4 participating cities, and through major media throughout the state, a
5 grant application period of at least ninety days' duration. Only a
6 local government participating in the ending homelessness program is
7 eligible to receive an ending homelessness grant. This announcement
8 will be made as often as the director deems appropriate for proper
9 utilization of resources. The department shall then promptly grant as
10 many applications as will utilize available funds, less appropriate
11 administrative costs of the department as described in RCW 36.22.179
12 (as recodified by this act).

13 (2) The department (~~will~~) shall develop, (~~with advice and input~~
14 ~~from the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW~~
15 ~~43.185B.020~~) in consultation with the interagency council on
16 homelessness, criteria to evaluate grant applications.

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

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

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

28 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
29 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
30 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
31 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
32 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
33 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
34 sources such as professional, craft, and trade services, and lender
35 interest rate subsidies;

36 (d) Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve
37 homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty-five
38 years;

1 (e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with
2 the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs
3 populations;

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

10 (g) The cooperation of the local government in the (~~annual~~)
11 Washington homeless census (~~project~~);

12 (h) The number of homeless censuses or other homeless counts
13 conducted by the local government beyond the annual census requirement;

14 (i) The commitment of the local government and any subcontracting
15 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities to
16 employ a diverse work force and pay wages at or above the self-
17 sufficiency standard;

18 (j) The commitment of the local government to apply to the full
19 examination Washington state quality award program;

20 (~~(+i)~~) (k) The extent that a local government's subcontractors
21 commit to apply to the full examination Washington state quality award
22 program;

23 (l) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population is
24 disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter and RCW
25 36.22.178 and 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and

26 (~~(+j)~~) (m) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly
27 related to the goal and the department's state ending homelessness
28 strategic plan.

29 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.080 and 2005 c 484 s 12 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) (~~Only a local government is eligible to receive a homeless~~
32 ~~housing grant from the homeless housing account. Any city may assert~~
33 ~~responsibility for homeless housing within its borders if it so~~
34 ~~chooses, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of the~~
35 ~~county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a separate~~
36 ~~homeless housing program. The city shall then receive a percentage of~~
37 ~~the surcharge assessed under RCW 36.22.179 equal to the percentage of~~

1 the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the
2 county. A participating city may also then apply separately for
3 homeless housing program grants. A city choosing to operate a separate
4 homeless housing program shall be responsible for complying with all of
5 the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local homeless
6 housing plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for county local
7 plans. However, the city may by resolution of its legislative
8 authority accept the county's homeless housing task force as its own
9 and based on that task force's recommendations adopt a homeless housing
10 plan specific to the city.

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

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

1 or more entities eligible under this section to create and execute a
2 local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness plan for the county
3 meeting the requirements of this chapter. The department shall expend
4 all of the funds received from the county under this subsection to
5 carry out the purposes of this chapter (~~(484, Laws of 2005)~~) in the
6 county, (~~(provided that)~~) but the department may retain six percent of
7 these funds to offset the cost of managing the county's program.

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

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

27 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.090 and 2005 c 484 s 13 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 The department shall allocate ending homelessness grant moneys from
30 the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness account to finance in
31 whole or in part programs and projects in approved local (~~(homeless~~
32 ~~housing)~~) ending homelessness plans to assist homeless individuals and
33 families gain access to adequate housing, prevent at-risk individuals
34 from becoming homeless, address the root causes of homelessness, track
35 and report on homeless-related data, and facilitate the movement of
36 homeless or formerly homeless individuals along the housing continuum

1 toward more stable and, when appropriate, independent housing and
2 economic independence. The department may issue criteria or guidelines
3 to guide local governments in the application process.

4 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.100 and 2005 c 484 s 14 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

21 (5) Assisting local governments to apply to the full examination
22 Washington state quality award program;

23 (6) Assisting local governments to strongly encourage all
24 subcontractors to apply to the full examination Washington state
25 quality award program;

26 (7) Assisting local governments to create quality ending
27 homelessness plans;

28 (8) Assisting in the identification of "best practices" from other
29 areas;

30 ((+5)) (9) Assisting in identifying additional funding sources for
31 specific projects; and

32 ((+6)) (10) Training local government and subcontractor staff,
33 including quality management training.

34 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.130 and 2005 c 484 s 17 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 The department shall ensure that the state's interest is protected

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

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

10 (1) Each county shall create (~~a homeless housing~~) an ending
11 homelessness task force to develop a (~~ten-year homeless housing~~)
12 ending homelessness plan addressing short-term and long-term services
13 and housing (~~for homeless persons~~) to prevent and reduce homelessness
14 by fifty percent by 2015.

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

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

35 (~~A county may decline to participate in the program authorized in~~
36 ~~this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by~~
37 ~~the county legislative authority stating the intention not to~~

1 ~~participate. A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the~~
2 ~~county auditor and treasurer. If a county declines to participate, the~~
3 ~~department shall create and execute a local homeless housing plan for~~
4 ~~the county meeting the requirements of this chapter.)~~)

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

9 (a) Emergency shelters;

10 (b) Short-term housing needs;

11 (c) Temporary encampments;

12 (d) Rental voucher programs;

13 (e) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; (~~and~~
14 ~~e~~) (f) Long-term housing; and

15 (g) Prevention services.

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

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

24 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.185C.900 and 2005 c 484 s 2 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

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

28 **Sec. 14.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2005 c 484 s 9 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
31 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
32 surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged by the county auditor for
33 each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge
34 allowed by law. The funds collected pursuant to this section are to be
35 distributed and used as follows:

1 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the fee,
2 and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county to be
3 deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its cities
4 and towns to accomplish the purposes of chapter (~~(484, Laws of 2005)~~)
5 43.185C RCW, six percent of which may be used by the county for
6 administrative costs related to its (~~(homeless housing)~~) local ending
7 homelessness plan, and the remainder for programs which directly
8 accomplish the goals of the county's (~~(homeless housing)~~) local ending
9 homelessness plan, except that for each city in the county which elects
10 as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to operate its own (~~(homeless~~
11 ~~housing)~~) local ending homelessness program, a percentage of the
12 surcharge assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the
13 city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the
14 county shall be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer,
15 without any deduction for county administrative costs, for use by the
16 city for program costs which directly contribute to the goals of the
17 city's (~~(homeless housing)~~) local ending homelessness plan; of the
18 funds received by the city, it may use six percent for administrative
19 costs for its (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness program.

20 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
21 treasurer for deposit in the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness
22 account. The department may use twelve and one-half percent of this
23 amount for administration of the program established in RCW
24 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating the statewide (~~(homeless~~
25 ~~housing)~~) ending homelessness strategic plan, measuring performance,
26 providing technical assistance to local governments, and managing the
27 (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness grant program. The remaining
28 eighty-seven and one-half percent is to be (~~(distributed by the~~
29 ~~department to local governments through the homeless housing grant~~
30 ~~program)~~) used by the department to:

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

36 (ii) Fund the ending homelessness grant program.

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

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

3 (1) The interagency council on homelessness, as defined in RCW
4 43.185C.010, shall (~~be convened not later than~~) convene by August 31,
5 2006, and shall meet at least two times each year and report to the
6 appropriate committees of the legislature annually by December 31st on
7 its activities.

8 (2) The interagency council on homelessness shall work to create
9 greater levels of interagency coordination and to coordinate state
10 agency efforts with the efforts of state and local entities addressing
11 homelessness.

12 (3) The interagency council on homelessness must respond to all
13 state and local legislative and policy recommendations included in the
14 state and local ending homelessness plans. The interagency council
15 must annually present its strategy for addressing the issues raised to
16 the appropriate committees of the legislature and must also include a
17 report on the actions taken to date that address these issues.

18 (4) The interagency council must also address the results of the
19 department's evaluations of the operations and accomplishments of other
20 state departments and agencies as they affect housing as required by
21 RCW 43.63A.650 (as recodified by this act).

22 (5) All state agencies with representation on the interagency
23 council on homelessness shall assist the department in determining the
24 societal cost of homelessness to the state by supplying the department
25 with appropriate data and cost information.

26 (6) The interagency council shall seek to:

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

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

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

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

35 (e) Recommend policies to either improve practices or align
36 resources, or both, including those policies requested by the
37 affordable housing advisory board or through state and local housing
38 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, including information
12 from reports regarding homeless school children, shall come from the
13 Washington homeless census and from state agencies and community
14 organizations providing services to homeless individuals (~~and~~),
15 families, and children. Personally identifying information about
16 homeless individuals for the Washington homeless client management
17 system may only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably
18 time limited written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
19 information relates. Data collection (~~shall~~) must be done in a
20 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines regarding
21 human research which, at a minimum, require that individuals be
22 informed about the expected duration of their participation, an
23 explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about
24 the data collection and their rights regarding their personal
25 identifying information, an explanation regarding whom to contact in
26 the event of injury to the individual related to the homeless client
27 survey, a description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the
28 homeless individual, and a statement describing the extent to which
29 confidentiality of records identifying the individual will be
30 maintained.

31 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
32 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable
33 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
34 database with available housing and other support services. Local
35 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
36 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
37 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 employment security department shall annually establish a self-
26 sufficiency standard based upon the cost of living, including housing
27 costs, which include mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than
28 telephone, for each county and major city in the state. The first
29 self-sufficiency standard must be presented to the legislature by
30 December 31, 2008. The employment security department must spend no
31 more than one hundred thousand dollars in creating the initial self-
32 sufficiency standard and no more than twenty-five thousand dollars
33 annually to update the standard. The employment security department
34 shall deliver a report to the department of community, trade, and
35 economic development and the appropriate committees of the legislature
36 that details the number and percentage of individuals and households

1 statewide and in each county who earn less than the self-sufficiency
2 standard.

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

5 The affordable housing advisory board shall:

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

10 (a) Financing for the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or
11 construction of housing;

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

14 (c) Coordination of state initiatives with federal initiatives and
15 financing programs that are referenced in the Cranston-Gonzalez
16 national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12701 et seq.), as
17 amended, and development of an approved housing strategy as required in
18 the Cranston-Gonzalez national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
19 12701 et seq.), as amended;

20 (d) Identification and removal, where appropriate and not
21 detrimental to the public health and safety, or environment, of state
22 and local regulatory barriers to the development and placement of
23 affordable housing;

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

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

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

34 (3) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding existing
35 and proposed housing programs and initiatives including but not limited
36 to tax policies, land use policies, and financing programs. The

1 advisory board shall provide recommendations to the director, along
2 with the department's response in the annual housing report to the
3 legislature required in RCW 43.185B.040; and

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

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

14 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct a
15 performance audit of the ending homelessness program every four years.
16 The first audit must be conducted by December 31, 2009. Each audit
17 must take no longer than six months or fifty thousand dollars to
18 complete.

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

21 (1) The department of social and health services shall collaborate
22 with the department (~~(of community, trade, and economic development)~~)
23 in the development of (~~(the)~~) a coordinated and comprehensive plan for
24 homeless families with children (~~(required under RCW 43.63A.650, which~~
25 ~~designates the department of community, trade, and economic development~~
26 ~~as the state agency with primary responsibility for providing shelter~~
27 ~~and housing services to homeless families with children. In fulfilling~~
28 ~~its responsibilities to collaborate with the department of community,~~
29 ~~trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.63A.650,)) that must
30 be integrated into the state ending homelessness strategic plan created
31 in RCW 43.185C.040. The department of social and health services shall
32 develop, administer, supervise, and monitor its portion of the plan(~~(-~~
33 ~~The department's portion of the plan shall)), which must contain at
34 least the following elements:~~~~

35 (a) Coordination or linkage of services with shelter and housing;

1 (b) Accommodation and addressing the needs of homeless families in
2 the design and administration of department programs;

3 (c) Participation of the department's local offices in the
4 identification, assistance, and referral of homeless families; and

5 (d) Ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the
6 plan's design and implementation.

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

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

13 **Sec. 21.** RCW 43.63A.650 and 1999 c 267 s 3 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The department shall be the principal state department
16 responsible for coordinating federal and state resources and activities
17 in housing, except for programs administered by the Washington state
18 housing finance commission under chapter 43.180 RCW, and for evaluating
19 the operations and accomplishments of other state departments and
20 agencies as they affect housing. The department shall conduct annual
21 performance evaluations of all state department and agency services
22 provided to homeless clients, programs intended to address the
23 prevention of homelessness, and all other housing programs and
24 activities. The department shall provide copies of the evaluation
25 reports to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the
26 interagency council on homelessness by December 31st of each year
27 beginning in 2007.

28 (2) The department shall work with local governments, tribal
29 organizations, local housing authorities, nonprofit community or
30 neighborhood-based organizations, and regional or statewide nonprofit
31 housing assistance organizations, for the purpose of coordinating
32 federal and state resources with local resources for housing.

33 (3) The department shall be the principal state department
34 responsible for providing shelter and housing services to homeless
35 individuals and families ~~((with children))~~. The department shall have
36 the principal responsibility to coordinate, plan, and oversee the
37 state's activities for developing a coordinated and comprehensive state

1 ending homelessness strategic plan to serve all homeless individuals
2 and families ((with children)) in Washington as required under RCW
3 43.185C.040. ((The plan shall be developed collaboratively with the
4 department of social and health services. The department shall include
5 community organizations involved in the delivery of services to
6 homeless families with children, and experts in the development and
7 ongoing evaluation of the plan. The department shall follow
8 professionally recognized standards and procedures. The plan shall be
9 implemented within amounts appropriated by the legislature for that
10 specific purpose in the operating and capital budgets. The department
11 shall submit the plan to the appropriate committees of the senate and
12 house of representatives no later than September 1, 1999, and shall
13 update the plan and submit it to the appropriate committees of the
14 legislature by January 1st of every odd numbered year through 2007.
15 The plan shall address at least the following: (a) The need for
16 prevention assistance; (b) the need for emergency shelter; (c) the need
17 for transitional assistance to aid families into permanent housing; (d)
18 the need for linking services with shelter or housing; and (e) the need
19 for ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the
20 plan's design and implementation.))

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
22 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
23 ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the ending homelessness
24 account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and
25 economic development to five housing authorities, using a selection
26 method and distribution formula to be determined by the department, to
27 implement or improve an existing quality management program and prepare
28 and submit an application to the full examination Washington state
29 quality award program by December 31, 2009.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
31 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
32 ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the ending homelessness
33 account to be distributed by the department of community, trade, and
34 economic development to five community action agencies, using a
35 selection method and distribution formula to be determined by the

1 department, to implement or improve an existing quality management
2 program and prepare and submit an application to the full examination
3 Washington state quality award program by December 31, 2009.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The department, the Washington state housing finance
7 commission, the affordable housing advisory board, the interagency
8 council on homelessness, and all participating county governments, city
9 governments, housing authorities, and other nonprofit organizations
10 receiving state funds, ending homelessness surcharge funds, or
11 financing through the housing finance commission shall, by December 31,
12 2007, and annually thereafter, review current homeless housing
13 reporting requirements related to homeless housing programs and
14 services and provide recommendations to the legislature to streamline
15 and simplify all homeless planning and reporting requirements. The
16 entities listed in this section shall also provide recommendations for
17 additional legislative actions that could promote the ending
18 homelessness goal.

19 (2) The department shall collaborate with the Washington state
20 housing finance commission and representatives from statewide
21 organizations representing counties, cities, housing authorities,
22 nonprofit groups involved in homeless programs, and other interested
23 parties, to create a strategy to streamline and, when possible,
24 consolidate state and local government reporting requirements to
25 address the inefficiencies associated with multiple reporting
26 requirements. The department shall present the strategy to the
27 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2007.

28 **Sec. 25.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2005 c 484 s 19 and 2005 c 374 s 1 are
29 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

30 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following
31 fees for their official services:

32 (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-
33 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page
34 eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for
35 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be
36 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required

1 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction
2 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;
3 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional
4 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may
5 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or
6 transaction;

7 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight
8 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each
9 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one
10 dollar;

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

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

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

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

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

31 (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for
32 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five
33 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches
34 or less, one dollar;

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

37 (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in

1 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable
2 recording fees;

3 (11) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW
4 36.22.178; (~~and~~

5 ~~{(12)}~~) (12) For recording instruments, except for documents
6 recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents
7 otherwise exempted from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as
8 provided in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act).

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. RCW 36.22.179, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650
10 are each recodified as sections in chapter 43.185C RCW.

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