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HOUSE BILL 2244

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By Representatives Miloscia, Ormsby and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to homeless tent encampments; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.185C RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            Due to concerns about maintaining freedom of religious expression,  
7 faith communities shall not be restricted from hosting temporary  
8 encampments for the homeless. A temporary encampment may be subject to  
9 reasonable compliance requirements related to public health and safety.  
10 However, no county, city, or town shall set less than ninety days as  
11 the maximum duration for homeless encampments.

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