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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2595**

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**By** House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Linville, Moeller, Appleton, Ormsby, VanDeWege, Seaquist, Hurst, Sells, Haigh, Morrell, Campbell, Upthegrove, Liias, Chase, Barlow, Green, and Kelley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' relief; and amending RCW 73.08.005.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 73.08.005 and 2005 c 250 s 2 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Direct costs" includes those allowable costs that can be  
8 readily assigned to the statutory objectives of this chapter,  
9 consistent with the cost principles promulgated by the federal office  
10 of management and budget in circular No. A-87, dated May 10, 2004.

11 (2) "Family" means the spouse, widow, widower, and dependent  
12 children of a living or deceased veteran.

13 (3) "Indigent" means a person who is defined as such by the county  
14 legislative authority using one or more of the following definitions:

15 (a) Receiving one of the following types of public assistance:  
16 Temporary assistance for needy families, general assistance, poverty-  
17 related veterans' benefits, food stamps or food stamp benefits  
18 transferred electronically, refugee resettlement benefits, medicaid, or  
19 supplemental security income;

1 (b) Receiving an annual income, after taxes, of up to one hundred  
2 fifty percent or less of the current federally established poverty  
3 level, or receiving an annual income not exceeding a higher qualifying  
4 income established by the county legislative authority; or

5 (c) Unable to pay reasonable costs for shelter, food, utilities,  
6 and transportation because his or her available funds are insufficient.

7 (4) "Indirect costs" includes those allowable costs that are  
8 generally associated with carrying out the statutory objectives of this  
9 chapter, but the identification and tracking of those costs cannot be  
10 readily assigned to a specific statutory objective without an  
11 accounting effort that is disproportionate to the benefit received. A  
12 county legislative authority may allocate allowable indirect costs to  
13 its veterans' assistance fund if it is accomplished in a manner  
14 consistent with the cost principles promulgated by the federal office  
15 of management and budget in circular No. A-87, dated May 10, 2004.

16 (5) "Veteran" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and  
17 41.04.007, and includes a current member of the national guard or armed  
18 forces reserves who has been deployed in active duty.

19 (6) "Veterans' advisory board" means a board established by a  
20 county legislative authority under the authority of RCW 73.08.035.

21 (7) "Veterans' assistance fund" means an account in the custody of  
22 the county auditor, or the chief financial officer in a county  
23 operating under a charter, that is funded by taxes levied under the  
24 authority of RCW 73.08.080.

25 (8) "Veterans' assistance program" means a program approved by the  
26 county legislative authority under the authority of RCW 73.08.010 that  
27 is fully or partially funded by the veterans' assistance fund  
28 authorized by RCW 73.08.080.

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