
HOUSE BILL 2331

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1 AN ACT Relating to the existing document recording fee for services
2 for the homeless; and amending RCW 36.22.179.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2007 c 427 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
7 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
8 surcharge of ~~((ten))~~ thirty dollars shall be charged by the county
9 auditor for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any
10 other charge allowed by law. The funds collected pursuant to this
11 section are to be distributed and used as follows:

12 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the fee,
13 and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county to be
14 deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its cities
15 and towns to accomplish the purposes of ~~((this))~~ chapter 484, Laws of
16 2005, six percent of which may be used by the county for administrative
17 costs related to its homeless housing plan, and the remainder for
18 programs which directly accomplish the goals of the county's local
19 homeless housing plan, except that for each city in the county which

1 elects as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to operate its own local
2 homeless housing program, a percentage of the surcharge assessed under
3 this section equal to the percentage of the city's local portion of the
4 real estate excise tax collected by the county shall be transmitted at
5 least quarterly to the city treasurer, without any deduction for county
6 administrative costs, for use by the city for program costs which
7 directly contribute to the goals of the city's local homeless housing
8 plan; of the funds received by the city, it may use six percent for
9 administrative costs for its homeless housing program.

10 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
11 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
12 department may use twelve and one-half percent of this amount for
13 administration of the program established in RCW 43.185C.020, including
14 the costs of creating the statewide homeless housing strategic plan,
15 measuring performance, providing technical assistance to local
16 governments, and managing the homeless housing grant program. The
17 remaining eighty-seven and one-half percent is to be used by the
18 department to:

19 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
20 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
21 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
22 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
23 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

24 (ii) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

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

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