
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2623

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By House General Government Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Miloscia, Darneille, Kirby, Sullivan, Pettigrew, Simpson, Rolfes, and Hasegawa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the foreclosure of residential real property;
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) In an effort to reduce the number of
5 residential foreclosures while protecting the interests of both
6 borrowers and beneficiaries, the Washington state housing finance
7 commission shall conduct a review of the effectiveness of RCW
8 61.24.031, which requires a beneficiary or authorized agent to contact
9 the borrower before issuing a notice of default for the purposes of
10 assessing the borrower's financial ability to repay the debt and
11 discussing alternatives to foreclosure. The commission's review of the
12 process shall, at a minimum, examine whether the contact requirement
13 has resulted in an increase in the number of loan modifications and
14 whether additional statutory provisions, such as mandatory mediation,
15 are needed to produce effective communication between beneficiaries and
16 borrowers.

17 (2) The Washington state housing finance commission shall report
18 its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the appropriate

1 committees of the legislature by November 30, 2010.

2 (3) This section expires January 1, 2011.

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