
SENATE BILL 5645

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By Senators Nelson, Harper, White, Kohl-Welles, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to the existing surcharge for local homeless
2 housing and assistance; 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 2009 c 462 s 1 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. ~~((During the 2009-11 and 2011-13 biennia,~~
11 ~~the surcharge shall be thirty dollars.))~~ The funds collected pursuant
12 to this section are to be distributed and used as follows:

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

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

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

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

25 (ii) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

26 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to (a)
27 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust, or
28 (b) documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any
29 documents otherwise exempted from a recording fee under state law.

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