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HOUSE BILL 2760

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By Representatives Manweller, Springer, Zeiger, and Hickel

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1 AN ACT Relating to eligibility for relocation assistance for  
2 tenants of closed or converted mobile home parks; and amending RCW  
3 59.21.021.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 59.21.021 and 2005 c 399 s 5 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) If a mobile home park is closed or converted to another use  
8 after ~~((December 31, 1995))~~ the effective date of this section,  
9 ~~((eligible))~~ tenants shall be entitled to assistance on a first-come,  
10 first-serve basis. The department shall give priority for  
11 distribution of relocation assistance to tenants residing in parks  
12 that are closed as a result of park-owner fraud or as a result of  
13 health and safety concerns as determined by the local board of  
14 health. ~~((Payments shall be made upon the department's verification  
15 of eligibility, subject to the availability of remaining funds.  
16 Eligibility for relocation assistance funds is limited to low-income  
17 households. As used in this section, "low-income household" means a  
18 single person, family, or unrelated persons living together whose  
19 adjusted income is less than eighty percent of the median family  
20 income, adjusted for household size, for the county where the mobile  
21 or manufactured home is located.))~~

1           (2) Assistance for closures occurring after (~~December 31, 1995~~)  
2 the effective date of this section, is limited to persons who  
3 maintain ownership of and relocate their mobile home or who dispose  
4 of a home not relocatable to a new site.

5           (3) Persons who removed and disposed of their mobile home or  
6 maintained ownership of and relocated their mobile homes are entitled  
7 to reimbursement of actual relocation expenses up to twelve thousand  
8 dollars for a double-wide home and up to seven thousand five hundred  
9 dollars for a single-wide home.

10          (4) Any individual or organization may apply to receive funds  
11 from the mobile home park relocation fund, for use in combination  
12 with funds from public or private sources, toward relocation of  
13 tenants eligible under this section. Funds received from the mobile  
14 home park relocation fund shall only be used for relocation  
15 assistance expenses or other mobile/manufactured home ownership  
16 expenses, that include down payment assistance, if the owners are not  
17 planning to relocate their mobile home as long as their original home  
18 is removed from the park.

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