
SENATE BILL 5193

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By Senator Benton

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Mental Health & Housing.

1 AN ACT Relating to exempting documents recording a water-sewer
2 district lien from the surcharge for local homeless housing and
3 assistance; and amending RCW 36.22.179.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2014 c 200 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
8 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
9 surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged by the county auditor for
10 each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge
11 allowed by law. From September 1, 2012, through June 30, 2019, the
12 surcharge shall be forty dollars. The funds collected pursuant to
13 this section are to be distributed and used as follows:

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

1 the county which elects as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to operate
2 its own local homeless housing program, a percentage of the surcharge
3 assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the city's
4 local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the county
5 shall be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer,
6 without any deduction for county administrative costs, for use by the
7 city for program costs which directly contribute to the goals of the
8 city's local homeless housing plan; of the funds received by the
9 city, it may use six percent for administrative costs for its
10 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,
15 including the costs of creating the statewide homeless housing
16 strategic plan, measuring performance, providing technical assistance
17 to local governments, and managing the homeless housing grant
18 program. Of the remaining eighty-seven and one-half percent, at least
19 forty-five percent must be set aside for the use of private rental
20 housing payments, and the remainder is to be used by the department
21 to:

22 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including,
23 but not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters;
24 grants to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
25 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
26 shelters; grants and vouchers designated for victims of human
27 trafficking and their families; and emergency shelter assistance; and

28 (ii) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

29 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to (a)
30 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust,
31 (b) documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death, (c) any
32 recorded documents otherwise exempted from a recording fee or
33 additional surcharges under state law, (d) marriage licenses issued
34 by the county auditor, or (e) documents recording a state, county,
35 water-sewer districts created under Title 57 RCW, or city lien or
36 satisfaction of lien.

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