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1 AN ACT Relating to responding to the crisis of homelessness in
2 Washington; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new section; and making
4 appropriations.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that homelessness is
7 a crisis across the state of Washington. Data collected by the point
8 in time census found that in 2015 there were roughly twenty thousand
9 homeless Washingtonians on a given night. Trends over the last
10 several years show the number of unsheltered Washingtonians across
11 the state is increasing, including among children.

12 The legislature recognizes that as the representative body of the
13 people of Washington, its sole duty is to work without judgment and
14 in the best interest of those people. The legislature further
15 recognizes that in order to fulfill this duty, it must act swiftly in
16 times of crisis, and not stay silent even if those it represents are
17 silenced by their own need.

18 Research shows it comes at significant financial cost to keep
19 people on the streets, as those who are homeless are far more likely
20 to end up in jail for noncriminal offenses, in need of emergency
21 medical services, and in emergency shelters. State funding for low-

1 income housing and emergency shelters has not kept pace with the
2 increasing demand for these services. The legislature therefore finds
3 our state's cities and counties are left to address the crisis of
4 homelessness with ever limited resources.

5 Homelessness also comes at a great human cost. These homeless
6 people include families, veterans, children, and people with mental
7 illness and/or chemical dependency. One medical or financial crisis
8 in a person's life can commit them to an ongoing cycle of poverty
9 that leads to chronic homelessness. The legislature recognizes that
10 in doing nothing to stem this crisis, it forfeits the moral and
11 financial upper hand where this issue is concerned.

12 While the causes of homelessness are many, part of the remedy is
13 to provide shelter. The legislature intends to work in concert with
14 other governments and organizations to provide support and funds to
15 increase services to homeless Washingtonians, and to ease the
16 desperate crisis faced by tens of thousands of people in our
17 communities every day.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 The homeless assistance account is created in the state treasury.
21 Legislative appropriations and transfers from the budget
22 stabilization account may be deposited into the account. Moneys in
23 the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from
24 the account may be used only for housing assistance, support
25 services, treatment for mental illness and/or chemical dependency,
26 family services, and other purposes to address the state's homeless
27 population.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of eighty-six million eighty
29 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
30 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, from the budget
31 stabilization account to the homeless assistance account for the
32 purposes set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

33 (2) The sum of eighty-six million eighty thousand dollars is
34 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, from the homeless
35 assistance account to the department of commerce for the purposes set
36 forth in this subsection. This appropriation is subject to the
37 following conditions and limitations: No more than one percent of the

1 funds may be used for administrative purposes; and the funds must be
2 distributed statewide, as follows:

3 (a) The sum of four million six hundred twenty-five thousand
4 dollars for services to homeless youth, including hope beds, street
5 youth, and the homeless student stability and opportunity gap act
6 (Substitute Senate Bill No. 6298);

7 (b) The sum of three million dollars to the consolidated homeless
8 grant program;

9 (c) The sum of eighteen million four hundred fifty-five thousand
10 dollars for behavioral health housing and services to provide housing
11 and stabilization services to the chronically homeless, mentally ill,
12 or chemically dependent; and

13 (d) The sum of sixty million dollars to sheltering, including
14 emergency shelter and support services, for individuals and families,
15 including assistance to families in the temporary assistance for
16 needy families program, and to the housing and essential needs
17 program.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of one hundred million dollars, or
19 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
20 ending June 30, 2017, from the budget stabilization account to the
21 housing trust fund for the following purposes: Ninety-five million
22 dollars to fund new construction, renovation, or conversion of
23 existing housing stock for permanent supportive housing or other
24 housing options particularly to provide assistance for people who are
25 homeless and those, including families, who are at risk of becoming
26 homeless; and five million dollars to assist in operations and
27 maintenance costs for affordable and supportive housing.

28 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 107 and 2015 3rd
29 sp.s. c 12 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

30 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
31 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
32 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

33 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or
34 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the
35 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income
36 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
37 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest
38 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of

1 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management
2 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require
3 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the
4 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash
5 management improvement act. The office of financial management may
6 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to
7 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and
8 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the
9 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
10 section.

11 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury
12 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking
13 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,
14 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state
15 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is
16 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
17 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur
18 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
19 section.

20 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
21 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall
22 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the
23 treasury income account except:

24 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
25 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's
26 average daily balance for the period: The aeronautics account, the
27 aircraft search and rescue account, the Alaskan Way viaduct
28 replacement project account, the brownfield redevelopment trust fund
29 account, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel
30 replacement account, the capitol building construction account, the
31 Cedar River channel construction and operation account, the Central
32 Washington University capital projects account, the charitable,
33 educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the cleanup
34 settlement account, the Columbia river basin water supply development
35 account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water supply
36 development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue
37 recovery account, the common school construction fund, the community
38 forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, the county
39 arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance
40 account, the deferred compensation administrative account, the

1 deferred compensation principal account, the department of licensing
2 services account, the department of retirement systems expense
3 account, the developmental disabilities community trust account, the
4 diesel idle reduction account, the drinking water assistance account,
5 the drinking water assistance administrative account, the drinking
6 water assistance repayment account, the Eastern Washington University
7 capital projects account, the Interstate 405 express toll lanes
8 operations account, the education construction fund, the education
9 legacy trust account, the election account, the electric vehicle
10 charging infrastructure account, the energy freedom account, the
11 energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance account,
12 The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the federal
13 forest revolving account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the freight
14 mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal account,
15 the grade crossing protective fund, the public health services
16 account, the high capacity transportation account, the state higher
17 education construction account, the higher education construction
18 account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway infrastructure
19 account, the highway safety fund, the high occupancy toll lanes
20 operations account, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the
21 homeless assistance account, the industrial insurance premium refund
22 account, the judges' retirement account, the judicial retirement
23 administrative account, the judicial retirement principal account,
24 the local leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise
25 tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the marine
26 resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the
27 mobile home park relocation fund, the motor vehicle fund, the
28 motorcycle safety education account, the multimodal transportation
29 account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the municipal criminal
30 justice assistance account, the natural resources deposit account,
31 the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding stabilization
32 account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the
33 public employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public
34 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the
35 public facilities construction loan revolving account beginning July
36 1, 2004, the public health supplemental account, the public works
37 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the
38 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound taxpayer
39 accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission account,
40 the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program

1 account, the resource management cost account, the rural arterial
2 trust account, the rural mobility grant program account, the rural
3 Washington loan fund, the site closure account, the skilled nursing
4 facility safety net trust fund, the small city pavement and sidewalk
5 account, the special category C account, the special wildlife
6 account, the state employees' insurance account, the state employees'
7 insurance reserve account, the state investment board expense
8 account, the state investment board commingled trust fund accounts,
9 the state patrol highway account, the state route number 520 civil
10 penalties account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the
11 state wildlife account, the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma
12 Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' retirement system plan 1
13 account, the teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3
14 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco
15 settlement account, the toll facility bond retirement account, the
16 transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation
17 equipment fund, the transportation fund, the transportation future
18 funding program account, the transportation improvement account, the
19 transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the
20 transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership
21 account, the traumatic brain injury account, the tuition recovery
22 trust fund, the University of Washington bond retirement fund, the
23 University of Washington building account, the volunteer
24 firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and pension principal
25 fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers'
26 administrative fund, the Washington judicial retirement system
27 account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters'
28 system plan 1 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement
29 officers' and firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the
30 Washington public safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the
31 Washington school employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3
32 account, the Washington state health insurance pool account, the
33 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State
34 University building account, the Washington State University bond
35 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration
36 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western
37 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated
38 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan
39 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated
40 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from

1 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal
2 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the
3 scientific permanent fund, the state university permanent fund, and
4 the state reclamation revolving account shall be allocated to their
5 respective beneficiary accounts.

6 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
7 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury
8 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury
9 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall
10 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's
11 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

12 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
13 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated
14 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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