# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

## Housing, Community Development & Veterans Committee

## **HB 1997**

Brief Description: Concerning manufactured/mobile homes.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Ryu, Pollet, Dolan, Valdez, Macri, Stanford, Appleton, Santos and Doglio.

## **Brief Summary of Bill**

- Modifies the fee on manufactured home transactions so that the fee is 0.25 percent of the sale price of the manufactured home, but in no case less than \$100 or greater than \$500.
- Increases the annual registration assessment a manufactured/mobile home park landlord is required to pay per manufactured/mobile home from \$10 to \$15 and requires that the additional \$5 be deposited into the Mobile Home Park Relocation Fund.

Hearing Date: 2/15/19

Staff: Cassie Jones (786-7303).

## **Background:**

#### Mobile Home Park Relocation Fund.

The Relocation Assistance Program, administered by the Office of Mobile/Manufactured Home Relocation Assistance, provides monetary assistance on a first-come, first-served basis to low-income persons owning mobile homes located in mobile home parks that are scheduled for closure or conversion to another use. The monetary assistance provided to such persons is drawn from the Mobile Home Park Relocation Fund (Fund) which is established in the custody of the State Treasurer.

## Manufactured Home Transaction Fee.

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The Department of Licensing (DOL) must require an applicant for a certificate of title for a manufactured home transaction to pay a \$100 fee in addition to any other fees and taxes required by law if the manufactured home:

- is located in a mobile home park;
- is 1-year-old or older;
- is new or ownership changes, excluding changes that involve addition or deleting spouse of domestic partner co-registered owners or legal owners; and
- sales price is \$5,000 or more.

The \$100 fee must be forwarded to the State Treasurer, who must deposit the fee in the Fund.

## <u>Annual Registration Assessment-Manufactured Homes.</u>

Each manufactured/mobile home community landlord must pay to the Department of Revenue (DOR) an annual registration assessment (assessment) of \$10 for each manufactured/mobile home that is subject to Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act (MHLTA) within a manufactured/mobile home community. Landlords may charge a maximum of \$5 of the assessment to tenants. Money from the assessment must be deposited accordingly:

- Nine dollars of the assessment must be deposited into the Manufactured/Mobile Home Dispute Resolution Program Account to fund the costs associated with the Manufactured/Mobile Home Dispute Resolution Program. This program provides manufactured/mobile home community landlords and tenants with a process to resolve disputes regarding alleged violations of the MHLTA.
- One dollar must be deposited into the Business License Account. This account funds the Business Licensing Service Program, which administers a computerized one-stop business licensing system.

## **Summary of Bill:**

## Manufactured Home Transaction Fee.

The Manufactured Home Transaction Fee is modified so that the fee is 0.25 percent of the sale price of the manufactured home. In no case may the fee be less than \$100, or greater than \$500.

## Annual Registration Assessment-Manufactured Homes.

The assessment is increased from \$10 to \$15. The additional \$5 of the assessment must be deposited into the Fund.

**Appropriation**: None.

**Fiscal Note**: Requested on February 11, 2019.

**Effective Date**: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.