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**HOUSE BILL 2522**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Ormsby, Ryu, Doglio, Frame, and Pollet; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget  
2 stabilization account to alleviate the issue of homelessness;  
3 creating a new section; making appropriations; and declaring an  
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington  
7 state experiences the fifth highest per capita rate of unsheltered  
8 homelessness in the nation. There are approximately ten thousand  
9 people living outside or in places that are unsafe and unfit for  
10 human habitation on a given night in our state. Sections 2 through 4  
11 of this act appropriate over three hundred million dollars from the  
12 budget stabilization account to address the immediate crisis of  
13 unsheltered homelessness. The intent of these appropriations is to  
14 move thousands of unsheltered individuals indoors and into stable  
15 housing quickly. The amounts appropriated will be provided to the  
16 department of commerce for a new sheltering grant program, a  
17 transitional housing pilot program for homeless youth, an expansion  
18 of the essential needs and housing assistance program, permanent  
19 supportive housing, improvements to affordable housing and  
20 homelessness data collection, and for the housing trust fund for  
21 additional enhanced homeless shelters and to enhance existing shelter

1 facilities. Additional funding will be provided to the department of  
2 social and health services to make improvements to the aged, blind,  
3 or disabled assistance program. Funding will also be provided to the  
4 department of ecology for assistance grants to local governments to  
5 remediate waste and material generated by homeless encampments and  
6 for the department of ecology to remediate or remove waste and  
7 material from vacated homeless encampments.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—  
9 HOME SECURITY FUND ACCOUNT. The sum of \$18,499,000 is appropriated  
10 from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June  
11 30, 2020, and the sum of \$262,177,000 is appropriated from the budget  
12 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The  
13 appropriations in this section are provided solely for expenditure  
14 into the home security fund account and are intended to provide  
15 sufficient funding for homeless response program expenditures during  
16 the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—  
18 WASHINGTON HOUSING TRUST FUND. The sum of \$30,000,000 is appropriated  
19 from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June  
20 30, 2021. The appropriation in this section is provided solely for  
21 expenditure into the Washington housing trust fund and is intended to  
22 provide sufficient funding for additional homeless shelters and  
23 enhancements to existing shelters during the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023  
24 fiscal biennia.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—  
26 MODEL TOXICS CONTROL OPERATING ACCOUNT. The sum of \$8,000,000 is  
27 appropriated from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal  
28 year ending June 30, 2021. The appropriation provided in this section  
29 is solely for expenditure into the model toxics control operating  
30 account and is intended to provide sufficient funding to remove  
31 solid, hazardous, and infectious waste generated by vacated homeless  
32 encampments during the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
2 effect immediately.

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