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**HOUSE BILL 2639**

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**By** Representatives Caldier, Chambers, Davis, Corry, Macri, Rude, Robinson, and Doglio

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the home sharing support grant  
2 program; amending RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.185C RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The home sharing support grant program is created in the  
8 department. The purpose of this program is to provide financial  
9 support to nonprofit organizations that operate home sharing  
10 programs.

11 (2) The department shall manage, oversee, and evaluate home  
12 sharing support grant program applications and shall award grants  
13 annually. The department may establish application procedures and  
14 criteria for the receipt of grants.

15 (3) Grants awarded under this section may be used only for  
16 administrative costs of home sharing programs.

17 (4) For purposes of this section, "home sharing program" means a  
18 program operated by a nonprofit organization in which the  
19 organization assists homeless persons, or persons at risk of becoming  
20 homeless, with locating individuals seeking to share their residences  
21 and facilitates meetings between program applicants who may choose to

1 enter into a home sharing arrangement on mutually agreeable terms.  
2 Services provided by home sharing programs may include, but are not  
3 limited to, screening of program applicants for compatibility,  
4 background checks of applicants, case management, and conflict  
5 resolution.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2019 c 136 s 2 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and  
9 except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an additional  
10 surcharge of sixty-two dollars shall be charged by the county auditor  
11 for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other  
12 charge allowed by law. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this  
13 section, the funds collected pursuant to this section are to be  
14 distributed and used as follows:

15 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the  
16 fee, and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county to  
17 be deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its  
18 cities and towns to accomplish the purposes of chapter 484, Laws of  
19 2005, six percent of which may be used by the county for the  
20 collection and local distribution of these funds and administrative  
21 costs related to its homeless housing plan, and the remainder for  
22 programs which directly accomplish the goals of the county's local  
23 homeless housing plan, except that for each city in the county which  
24 elects as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to operate its own local  
25 homeless housing program, a percentage of the surcharge assessed  
26 under this section equal to the percentage of the city's local  
27 portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the county shall  
28 be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer, without any  
29 deduction for county administrative costs, for use by the city for  
30 program costs which directly contribute to the goals of the city's  
31 local homeless housing plan; of the funds received by the city, it  
32 may use six percent for administrative costs for its homeless housing  
33 program.

34 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state  
35 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account to be used as  
36 follows:

37 (i) The department may use twelve and one-half percent of this  
38 amount for administration of the program established in RCW  
39 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating the statewide homeless

1 housing strategic plan, measuring performance, providing technical  
2 assistance to local governments, and managing the homeless housing  
3 grant program.

4 (ii) The remaining eighty-seven and one-half percent of this  
5 amount must be used as follows:

6 (A) At least forty-five percent must be set aside for the use of  
7 private rental housing payments; and

8 (B) All remaining funds are to be used by the department to:

9 (I) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including,  
10 but not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters;  
11 grants to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental  
12 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth  
13 shelters; grants and vouchers designated for victims of human  
14 trafficking and their families; and emergency shelter assistance;  
15 ((and))

16 (II) Fund the home sharing support grant program established in  
17 section 1 of this act; and

18 (III) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

19 (2) A county issuing general obligation bonds pursuant to RCW  
20 36.67.010, to carry out the purposes of subsection (1)(a) of this  
21 section, may provide that such bonds be made payable from any  
22 surcharge provided for in subsection (1)(a) of this section and may  
23 pledge such surcharges to the repayment of the bonds.

24 (3) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to (a)  
25 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust,  
26 (b) documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death, (c) any  
27 recorded documents otherwise exempted from a recording fee or  
28 additional surcharges under state law, (d) marriage licenses issued  
29 by the county auditor, or (e) documents recording a federal, state,  
30 county, or city lien or satisfaction of lien.

31 (4) Ten dollars of the surcharge imposed under subsection (1) of  
32 this section must be distributed to the counties to carry out the  
33 purposes of subsection (1)(a) of this section.

34 (5) For purposes of this section, "private rental housing" means  
35 housing owned by a private landlord and includes housing owned by a  
36 nonprofit housing entity.

37 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.22.1791 and 2019 c 136 s 3 are each amended to  
38 read as follows:

1 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and  
2 36.22.179, and except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
3 the county auditor shall charge an additional surcharge of eight  
4 dollars for each document recorded, which is in addition to any other  
5 charge allowed by law. The funds collected under this section are to  
6 be distributed and used as follows:

7 (a) The auditor shall remit ninety percent to the county to be  
8 deposited into a fund six percent of which may be used by the county  
9 for administrative costs related to its homeless housing plan, and  
10 the remainder for programs that directly accomplish the goals of the  
11 county's local homeless housing plan, except that for each city in  
12 the county that elects, as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080, to operate  
13 its own local homeless housing program, a percentage of the surcharge  
14 assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the city's  
15 local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the county  
16 must be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer for use  
17 by the city for program costs that directly contribute to the goals  
18 of the city's local homeless housing plan.

19 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state  
20 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The  
21 department may use the funds for administering the program  
22 established in RCW 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating and  
23 updating the statewide homeless housing strategic plan, measuring  
24 performance, providing technical assistance to local governments, and  
25 managing the homeless housing grant program. Remaining funds may also  
26 be used to:

27 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including,  
28 but not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters;  
29 grants to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental  
30 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth  
31 shelters; grants and vouchers designated for victims of human  
32 trafficking and their families; and emergency shelter assistance;  
33 (~~and~~)

34 (ii) Fund the home sharing support grant program established in  
35 section 1 of this act; and

36 (iii) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

1           (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to  
2 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust or  
3 to documents recording a federal lien or satisfaction of lien.

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