

**ESSB 5092** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-1459.2/21) **513**

By Representative Barkis

**ADOPTED 04/03/2021**

1 On page 20, line 34, increase the general fund-state appropriation  
2 for FY 2022 by \$7,500,000

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4 On page 20, line 35, increase the general fund-state appropriation  
5 for FY 2023 by \$7,500,000

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7 On page 22, line 2, correct the total.

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9 On page 58, after line 21, insert the following:

10 "(111) (a) \$7,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2022 and \$7,500,000 of the general fund-state  
12 appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for grants to  
13 cities and counties to address the safety and public health risks  
14 associated with homeless encampment sites located on the public right-  
15 of-way and other public property. Of the amounts provided in this  
16 subsection:

17 (i) \$2,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal  
18 year 2022 and \$2,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
19 fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for grants to cities and counties  
20 to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless  
21 encampment sites located on the public right-of-way. Grants may be  
22 used for costs to provide services to homeless individuals, including  
23 connecting them to housing alternatives; costs to collect and dispose  
24 of garbage; costs to clear debris or hazardous material; and other  
25 costs to help prevent future encampments from forming on the public  
26 right-of-way.

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1 (ii) \$5,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2022 and \$5,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for grants to cities and counties  
4 to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless  
5 encampment sites on public property. Grants may be used for costs to  
6 provide services to homeless individuals, including connecting them to  
7 housing alternatives; costs to collect and dispose of garbage; costs  
8 to clear debris or hazardous material; and other costs to mitigate  
9 damages and help prevent future encampments from forming on public  
10 property.

11 (b) In distributing grants under (a) of this subsection, the  
12 department must prioritize funding for grant proposals that would  
13 address the greatest environmental hazards.

14 (c) The department may establish rules to carry out the grant  
15 program authorized in this subsection.

16 (d) Cities and counties receiving grants under (a) of this  
17 subsection must report to the department by May 1, 2022, and May 1,  
18 2023, on the number of homeless individuals that were relocated from  
19 homeless encampment sites and the housing status and location of those  
20 individuals.

21 (e) By June 1, 2022, and June 1, 2023, the department must report  
22 to the legislature on the use of grant funds by cities and counties,  
23 including but not limited to the number and location of encampment  
24 sites addressed, the number of homeless individuals that were  
25 relocated from homeless encampment sites, and the housing status and  
26 location of those individuals.

27 (f) For the purposes of this subsection, "public property" means  
28 any street, alley, sidewalk, parking space, pedestrian or transit  
29 mall, bike path, greenway, or any other structure or area encompassed  
30 within the public right-of-way; any park, parkway, mountain park, or  
31 other recreation facility; or any other grounds, buildings, fixtures,  
32 or other facilities owned or leased by the state or by any other  
33 public owner, regardless of whether such public property is vacant or  
34 occupied and actively used for any public purpose."

EFFECT: Increases the General Fund-State appropriation for the Department of Commerce by \$15.0 million to implement a grant program for cities and counties for costs to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless encampment sites located on the public right-of-way and other public property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$15,000,000.

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