

HB 1183 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Housing & Local Government

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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

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

9 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
10 specific purpose, the department shall manage, oversee, and evaluate
11 home sharing support grant program applications and shall award
12 grants annually. The department may establish application procedures
13 and criteria for the receipt of grants.

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

16 (4) For purposes of this section, "home sharing program" means a
17 program operated by a nonprofit organization in which the
18 organization assists homeless persons, or persons at risk of becoming
19 homeless, with locating individuals seeking to share their residences
20 and facilitates meetings between program applicants who may choose to
21 enter into a home sharing arrangement on mutually agreeable terms.
22 Services provided by home sharing programs may include, but are not
23 limited to, screening of program applicants for compatibility,
24 background checks of applicants, case management, and conflict
25 resolution.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2021 c 214 s 8 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
29 except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an additional
30 surcharge of (~~sixty-two dollars~~) \$62 shall be charged by the county

1 auditor for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any
2 other charge allowed by law. Except as provided in subsection (4) of
3 this section, the funds collected pursuant to this section are to be
4 distributed and used as follows:

5 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the
6 fee, and of the remainder shall remit (~~sixty~~) 60 percent to the
7 county to be deposited into a fund that must be used by the county
8 and its cities and towns to accomplish the purposes of chapter 484,
9 Laws of 2005, six percent of which may be used by the county for the
10 collection and local distribution of these funds and administrative
11 costs related to its homeless housing plan, and the remainder for
12 programs which directly accomplish the goals of the county's local
13 homeless housing plan, except that for each city in the county which
14 elects as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to operate its own local
15 homeless housing program, a percentage of the surcharge assessed
16 under this section equal to the percentage of the city's local
17 portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the county shall
18 be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer, without any
19 deduction for county administrative costs, for use by the city for
20 program costs which directly contribute to the goals of the city's
21 local homeless housing plan; of the funds received by the city, it
22 may use six percent for administrative costs for its homeless housing
23 program.

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

27 (i) The department may use (~~twelve and one-half~~) 12.5 percent
28 of this amount for administration of the program established in RCW
29 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating the statewide homeless
30 housing strategic plan, measuring performance, providing technical
31 assistance to local governments, and managing the homeless housing
32 grant program.

33 (ii) The remaining (~~eighty-seven and one-half~~) 87.5 percent of
34 this amount must be used as follows:

35 (A) At least (~~forty-five~~) 45 percent must be set aside for the
36 use of private rental housing payments; and

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

38 (I) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including,
39 but not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters;
40 grants to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental

1 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
2 shelters; grants and vouchers designated for victims of human
3 trafficking and their families; and emergency shelter assistance;
4 (~~and~~)

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

7 (III) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

8 (2) A county issuing general obligation bonds pursuant to RCW
9 36.67.010, to carry out the purposes of subsection (1)(a) of this
10 section, may provide that such bonds be made payable from any
11 surcharge provided for in subsection (1)(a) of this section and may
12 pledge such surcharges to the repayment of the bonds.

13 (3) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to (a)
14 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust,
15 (b) documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death, (c) any
16 recorded documents otherwise exempted from a recording fee or
17 additional surcharges under state law, (d) marriage licenses issued
18 by the county auditor, or (e) documents recording a federal, state,
19 county, city, or water-sewer district, or wage lien or satisfaction
20 of lien.

21 (4) (~~Ten dollars~~) \$10 of the surcharge imposed under subsection
22 (1) of this section must be distributed to the counties to carry out
23 the purposes of subsection (1)(a) of this section.

24 (5) For purposes of this section, "private rental housing" means
25 housing owned by a private landlord and includes housing owned by a
26 nonprofit housing entity.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.22.1791 and 2021 c 214 s 9 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and
30 36.22.179, and except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
31 the county auditor shall charge an additional surcharge of eight
32 dollars for each document recorded, which is in addition to any other
33 charge allowed by law. The funds collected under this section are to
34 be distributed and used as follows:

35 (a) The auditor shall remit (~~ninety~~) 90 percent to the county
36 to be deposited into a fund six percent of which may be used by the
37 county for administrative costs related to its homeless housing plan,
38 and the remainder for programs that directly accomplish the goals of
39 the county's local homeless housing plan, except that for each city

1 in the county that elects, as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080, to
2 operate its own local homeless housing program, a percentage of the
3 surcharge assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the
4 city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the
5 county must be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer
6 for use by the city for program costs that directly contribute to the
7 goals of the city's local homeless housing plan.

8 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
9 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
10 department may use the funds for administering the program
11 established in RCW 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating and
12 updating the statewide homeless housing strategic plan, measuring
13 performance, providing technical assistance to local governments, and
14 managing the homeless housing grant program. Remaining funds may also
15 be used to:

16 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including,
17 but not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters;
18 grants to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
19 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
20 shelters; grants and vouchers designated for victims of human
21 trafficking and their families; and emergency shelter assistance;
22 ((and))

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

25 (iii) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

26 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
27 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust or
28 to documents recording a federal or water-sewer district or wage lien
29 or satisfaction of lien."

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30 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the
31 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 36.22.179 and
32 36.22.1791; and adding a new section to chapter 43.185C RCW."

EFFECT: Subjects the home sharing support grant program to the availability of appropriated funds.

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