

**HB 1183** - S COMM AMD

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2021 c 214 s 8 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and  
6 except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, an additional  
7 surcharge of (~~sixty-two dollars~~) \$62 shall be charged by the county  
8 auditor for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any  
9 other charge allowed by law. Except as provided in subsection (4) of  
10 this section, the funds collected pursuant to this section are to be  
11 distributed and used as follows:

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

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

4 (i) The department may use (~~(twelve and one-half)~~) 12.5 percent  
5 of this amount for administration of the program established in RCW  
6 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating the statewide homeless  
7 housing strategic plan, measuring performance, providing technical  
8 assistance to local governments, and managing the homeless housing  
9 grant program.

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

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

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

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

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

32 (III) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

33 (2) A county issuing general obligation bonds pursuant to RCW  
34 36.67.010, to carry out the purposes of subsection (1)(a) of this  
35 section, may provide that such bonds be made payable from any  
36 surcharge provided for in subsection (1)(a) of this section and may  
37 pledge such surcharges to the repayment of the bonds.

38 (3) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to (a)  
39 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust,  
40 (b) documents recording a birth, marriage, divorce, or death, (c) any

1 recorded documents otherwise exempted from a recording fee or  
2 additional surcharges under state law, (d) marriage licenses issued  
3 by the county auditor, or (e) documents recording a federal, state,  
4 county, city, or water-sewer district, or wage lien or satisfaction  
5 of lien.

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

9 (5) For purposes of this section, "private rental housing" means  
10 housing owned by a private landlord and includes housing owned by a  
11 nonprofit housing entity.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.22.1791 and 2021 c 214 s 9 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and  
15 36.22.179, and except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
16 the county auditor shall charge an additional surcharge of eight  
17 dollars for each document recorded, which is in addition to any other  
18 charge allowed by law. The funds collected under this section are to  
19 be distributed and used as follows:

20 (a) The auditor shall remit (~~ninety~~) 90 percent to the county  
21 to be deposited into a fund six percent of which may be used by the  
22 county for administrative costs related to its homeless housing plan,  
23 and the remainder for programs that directly accomplish the goals of  
24 the county's local homeless housing plan, except that for each city  
25 in the county that elects, as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080, to  
26 operate its own local homeless housing program, a percentage of the  
27 surcharge assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the  
28 city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the  
29 county must be transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer  
30 for use by the city for program costs that directly contribute to the  
31 goals of the city's local homeless housing plan.

32 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state  
33 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The  
34 department may use the funds for administering the program  
35 established in RCW 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating and  
36 updating the statewide homeless housing strategic plan, measuring  
37 performance, providing technical assistance to local governments, and  
38 managing the homeless housing grant program. Remaining funds may also  
39 be used to:

1 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including,  
2 but not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters;  
3 grants to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental  
4 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth  
5 shelters; grants and vouchers designated for victims of human  
6 trafficking and their families; and emergency shelter assistance;  
7 ((and))

8 (ii) Fund home sharing programs through grants. For purposes of  
9 this section, "home sharing program" means a program operated by a  
10 nonprofit organization in which the organization assists homeless  
11 persons, or persons at risk of becoming homeless, with locating  
12 individuals seeking to share their residences and facilitates  
13 meetings between program applicants who may choose to enter into a  
14 home sharing arrangement on mutually agreeable terms. Services  
15 provided by home sharing programs may include, but are not limited  
16 to, screening of program applicants for compatibility, background  
17 checks of applicants, case management, and conflict resolution; and

18 (iii) Fund the homeless housing grant program.

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

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "program;" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 36.22.179 and  
25 36.22.1791."

EFFECT: Removes provisions creating a home sharing support grant program within the Department of Commerce, and clarifies that funding grants for home sharing programs, as defined, is an authorized use of the state portion of the \$62 and \$8 local homeless housing and assistance surcharges.

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