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By Representatives Thomas, Fitzgibbon, Zahn, Street, Fosse, Reed, Parshley, Cortes, Hill, Bernbaum, and Ramel

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the reimbursement cap for moving  
2 and relocation expenses incurred by persons affected by agency  
3 displacements; and amending RCW 8.26.035.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 8.26.035 and 2017 c 12 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Whenever a program or project to be undertaken by a  
8 displacing agency will result in the displacement of any person, the  
9 displacing agency shall provide for the payment to the displaced  
10 person of:

11 (a) Actual reasonable expenses in moving himself or herself, or  
12 his or her family, business, farm operation, or other personal  
13 property;

14 (b) Actual direct losses of tangible personal property as a  
15 result of moving or discontinuing a business or farm operation, but  
16 not to exceed an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that would  
17 have been required to relocate the property, in accordance with  
18 criteria established by the lead agency;

19 (c) Actual reasonable expenses in searching for a replacement  
20 business or farm; and

1 (d) Actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a  
2 displaced farm, nonprofit organization, or small business at its new  
3 site, in accordance with criteria established by the lead agency, but  
4 not to exceed (~~fifty thousand dollars~~) \$200,000 or the dollar  
5 amount allowed under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 4622 as it existed on July 23,  
6 2017, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the displacing  
7 agency by rule or regulation, consistent with the purposes of this  
8 section, whichever is greater.

9 (2) A displaced person eligible for payments under subsection (1)  
10 of this section who is displaced from a dwelling and who elects to  
11 accept the payments authorized by this subsection in lieu of the  
12 payments authorized by subsection (1) of this section may receive an  
13 expense and dislocation allowance determined according to a schedule  
14 established by the lead agency.

15 (3) A displaced person eligible for payments under subsection (1)  
16 of this section who is displaced from the person's place of business  
17 or farm operation and who is eligible under criteria established by  
18 the lead agency may elect to accept the payment authorized by this  
19 subsection in lieu of the payment authorized by subsection (1) of  
20 this section. The payment shall consist of a fixed payment in an  
21 amount to be determined according to criteria established by the lead  
22 agency, except that the payment shall be not less than the dollar  
23 amount allowed under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 4622 as it existed on July 23,  
24 2017, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the displacing  
25 agency by rule or regulation, consistent with the purposes of this  
26 section. A person whose sole business at the displacement dwelling is  
27 the rental of that property to others does not qualify for a payment  
28 under this subsection.

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