
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2161

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By House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Franklin, Ebersole, Winsley, Ogden, Mitchell, Nelson, Leonard, Braddock, Ballard, Orr, Jones, Cole, Rasmussen and Anderson).

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1 AN ACT Relating to the public housing trust fund; and amending RCW
2 43.185.010 and 43.185.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185.010 and 1986 c 298 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The legislature finds that current economic conditions, federal
7 housing policies and declining resources at the federal, state, and
8 local level adversely affect the ability of low and very low-income
9 persons to obtain safe, decent, and affordable housing.

10 The legislature further finds that members of over one hundred
11 twenty thousand households live in housing units which are overcrowded,
12 lack plumbing, are otherwise threatening to health and safety, and have
13 rents and utility payments which exceed thirty percent of their income.

1 The legislature further finds that minorities, rural households,
2 and migrant farm workers require housing assistance at a rate which
3 significantly exceeds their proportion of the general population.

4 The legislature further finds that one of the most dramatic housing
5 needs is that of persons needing special housing-related services, such
6 as the mentally ill, recovering alcoholics, frail elderly persons,
7 families with members who have disabilities, and single parents. These
8 services include medical assistance, counseling, chore services, and
9 child care.

10 The legislature further finds that housing assistance programs in
11 the past have often failed to help those in greatest need.

12 The legislature declares that it is in the public interest to
13 establish a continuously renewable resource known as a housing trust
14 fund to assist low and very low-income citizens in meeting their basic
15 housing needs, and that the needs of very low-income citizens should be
16 given priority.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185.050 and 1986 c 298 s 6 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 (1) The department shall use funds from the housing trust fund to
20 finance in whole or in part any loans or grant projects that will
21 provide housing for persons and families with special housing needs and
22 with incomes at or below fifty percent of the median family income for
23 the county or standard metropolitan statistical area where the project
24 is located. Not less than thirty percent of such funds used in any
25 given biennium shall be for the benefit of projects located in rural
26 areas as defined in 63 Stat. 432, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1471 et seq.

27 (2) Activities eligible for assistance include, but are not limited
28 to:

1 (a) New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of low and
2 very low-income housing units;

3 (b) Rent subsidies in new construction or rehabilitated multifamily
4 units;

5 (c) Matching funds for social services directly related to
6 providing housing for special-need tenants in assisted projects;

7 (d) Technical assistance, design and finance services and
8 consultation, and administrative costs for eligible nonprofit community
9 or neighborhood-based organizations;

10 (e) Administrative costs for housing assistance groups or
11 organizations when such grant or loan will substantially increase the
12 recipient's access to housing funds other than those available under
13 this chapter;

14 (f) Shelters and related services for the homeless;

15 (g) Mortgage subsidies for new construction or rehabilitation of
16 eligible multifamily units;

17 (h) Mortgage insurance guarantee or payments for eligible projects;
18 (~~and~~)

19 (i) Acquisition of housing units for the purpose of preservation as
20 low-income or very low-income housing; and

21 (j) Making housing more accessible to families with members who
22 have disabilities.