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1 AN ACT Relating to providing affordable housing for all; amending
2 RCW 43.185B.040, 36.22.178, 43.185A.100, 43.185C.005, 43.185C.010,
3 43.185C.020, 43.185C.040, 43.185C.050, 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080,
4 43.185C.090, 43.185C.100, 43.185C.130, 43.185C.160, 43.185C.900,
5 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.185C.170, 43.185C.180, 43.185B.030,
6 43.20A.790, and 43.185C.150; reenacting and amending RCW 43.185.070;
7 adding new sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; adding a new chapter to
8 Title 43 RCW; creating new sections; and recodifying RCW 36.22.179,
9 36.22.1791, 43.20A.790, 43.63A.650, 36.22.178, 43.185A.100, and
10 43.185B.040.

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

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is a
13 large, unmet need for affordable housing and affordable housing
14 assistance in the state of Washington, causing many low-income
15 individuals and families to be at risk of homelessness. The
16 legislature declares that a decent and affordable home in a healthy,
17 safe environment for all economic segments in the state by 2020 should
18 be a state goal. Furthermore, this goal includes increasing the

1 percentage of low-income households who are ultimately able to obtain
2 and retain housing without government subsidies or other public
3 support.

4 (2) The legislature finds that the state should provide financial
5 resources as well as case management to help individuals and families
6 at risk of homelessness obtain and retain housing and work towards a
7 goal of self-sufficiency where possible.

8 (3) The legislature finds that there are many root causes of the
9 affordable housing shortage and declares that it is critical that such
10 causes be analyzed, effective solutions be developed, implemented,
11 monitored, and evaluated, and that these causal factors be eliminated.
12 The legislature also finds that there is a taxpayer and societal cost
13 associated with a lack of jobs that pay self-sufficiency standard wages
14 and a shortage of affordable housing, and that the state must identify
15 and quantify that cost.

16 (4) The legislature finds that the support and commitment of all
17 sectors of the statewide community is critical to accomplishing the
18 state's affordable housing for all goal. The legislature finds that
19 the provision of housing and housing-related services should be
20 administered both at the state level and at the local level. However,
21 the state should play a primary role in: Providing financial resources
22 to achieve the goal at all levels of government; researching,
23 evaluating, benchmarking, and implementing best practices; continually
24 updating and evaluating statewide housing data; developing a state plan
25 that integrates the strategies, goals, objectives, and performance
26 measures of all other state housing plans and programs; coordinating
27 and supporting county government plans and activities; and directing
28 quality management practices by monitoring both state and county
29 government performance towards achieving interim and ultimate goals.

30 (5) The legislature declares that the systematic and comprehensive
31 performance measurement and evaluation of progress toward interim goals
32 and the immediate state affordable housing goal of a decent and
33 affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for all economic
34 segments in the state by 2020 is a necessary component of the statewide
35 effort to end the affordable housing crisis.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This chapter may be known and cited as the
37 Washington affordable housing for all act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** There is created within the department the
2 state affordable housing for all program. The goal of the program is
3 a decent and affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for all
4 economic segments in the state by 2020. Additional goals include:
5 Increasing the percentage of households of all economic segments in the
6 state who are self-sufficient as defined by the department according to
7 the self-sufficiency income standard determined under section 30 of
8 this act; and keeping the rising price of housing for all economic
9 segments to a rate less than that of the growth in wages for each
10 economic segment. The department shall develop appropriate performance
11 measures for all goals. The department shall develop, by county for
12 each economic segment, the quantity and dollar price of housing needed
13 and administer the affordable housing for all program. Each county
14 shall participate in the affordable housing for all program except as
15 provided in section 8 of this act; however, in the development and
16 implementation of the program scope and requirements at the county
17 level, the department shall consider: The funding level to counties,
18 number of county staff available to implement the program, and
19 competency of each county to meet the goals of the program; and
20 establish program guidelines, performance measures, and reporting
21 requirements appropriate to the existing capacity of the participating
22 counties.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Unless the context clearly requires
24 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
25 chapter.

26 (1) "Affordable housing" means housing that has a sales price or
27 rental amount that is within the means of households of all economic
28 segments. The department shall adopt policies for residential rental
29 and homeownership housing occupied by extremely low, very low, and low-
30 income households, and for each wage decile by county, that specify the
31 percentage of household income that may be spent on monthly housing
32 costs, including utilities other than telephone, to qualify as
33 affordable housing.

34 (2) "Affordable housing for all program" means the program
35 authorized under this chapter, as administered by the department at the
36 state level and by each county at the local level.

1 (3) "At risk of homelessness" means any low, very low, or extremely
2 low-income individual or family residing in housing that is not
3 affordable housing.

4 (4) "County" means a county government in the state of Washington
5 or, except under RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act), a city
6 government or collaborative of city governments within that county if
7 (a) the county government declines to participate in the affordable
8 housing program and (b) as described under section 8 of this act, a
9 city or collaborative of city governments elects to participate in the
10 program.

11 (5) "County affordable housing for all plan" or "county plan" means
12 the plan developed by each county with the goal of ensuring that
13 households of all economic segments in the county have a decent and
14 affordable home in a healthy, safe environment by 2020.

15 (6) "County affordable housing task force" means a county
16 committee, as described in section 6 of this act, created to prepare
17 and recommend to its county legislative authority a county affordable
18 housing for all plan, and also to recommend expenditures of the funds
19 from the affordable housing for all program surcharge in RCW 36.22.178
20 (as recodified by this act) and all other sources directed to the
21 county's affordable housing for all program.

22 (7) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
23 economic development.

24 (8) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
25 trade, and economic development.

26 (9) "Economic segments" means segments of the population divided by
27 wage deciles.

28 (10) "Eligible organizations" means eligible organizations as
29 described in RCW 43.185.060.

30 (11) "Extremely low-income household" means a single person,
31 family, or unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income is
32 less than thirty percent of the median family income, adjusted for
33 household size for the county where the project is located.

34 (12) "Household" means a single person, family, or unrelated
35 persons living together.

36 (13) "Housing authority" means any of the public corporations
37 created in RCW 35.82.030.

1 (14) "Local government" means a county or city government in the
2 state of Washington or, except under RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by
3 this act), a city government or collaborative of city governments
4 within that county if (a) the county government declines to participate
5 in the affordable housing program and (b) as described under section 8
6 of this act, a city or collaborative of city governments elects to
7 participate in the program.

8 (15) "Low-income household," for the purposes of the affordable
9 housing for all program, means a single person, family, or unrelated
10 persons living together whose adjusted income is less than eighty
11 percent of the median household income, adjusted for household size for
12 the county where the project is located.

13 (16) "Nonprofit organization" means any public or private nonprofit
14 organization that: (a) Is organized under federal, state, or local
15 laws; (b) has no part of its net earnings inuring to the benefit of any
16 member, founder, contributor, or individual; and (c) has among its
17 purposes, significant activities related to the provision of decent
18 housing that is affordable to extremely low-income, very low-income,
19 low-income, or moderate-income households and special needs
20 populations.

21 (17) "Performance evaluation" means the process of evaluating
22 performance by established objective, measurable criteria according to
23 the achievement of outlined goals, measures, targets, standards, or
24 other outcomes using a ranked scorecard from highest to lowest
25 performance that employs a scale of one to one hundred, one hundred
26 being the optimal score.

27 (18) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
28 specific measures of success with ultimate and interim goals.

29 (19) "Quality management program" means a nationally recognized
30 program using criteria similar or equivalent to the Baldrige criteria.
31 All local governments receiving over five hundred thousand dollars a
32 year during the previous calendar year from: State housing-related
33 funding sources, including the Washington housing trust fund; the
34 ending homelessness program surcharges in RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791
35 (as recodified by this act); and any surcharges in chapter 43.185C RCW
36 and the surcharges in RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act), shall
37 apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent

1 assessment of its quality management, accountability, and performance
2 system, once every three years beginning by January 1, 2011.

3 (20) "State affordable housing for all plan" or "state plan" means
4 the plan developed by the department in collaboration with the
5 affordable housing advisory board with the goal of ensuring that all
6 economic segments in Washington have a decent and affordable home in a
7 healthy, safe environment by 2020.

8 (21) "Very low-income household" means a single person, family, or
9 unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income is less than
10 fifty percent of the median family income, adjusted for household size
11 for the county where the project is located.

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185B.040 and 1993 c 478 s 12 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) The department shall, in consultation with the affordable
15 housing advisory board created in RCW 43.185B.020, prepare and (~~from~~
16 ~~time to time amend a five year~~) annually update a state affordable
17 housing ((advisory)) for all plan with an ultimate goal of achieving a
18 decent and affordable home in a healthy, safe environment for all
19 economic segments by decile by county in the state by 2020. The state
20 plan must also incorporate the strategies, objectives, goals, and
21 performance measures of all other housing-related state plans,
22 including the state homeless housing strategic plan required under RCW
23 43.185C.040 and all state housing programs. The state affordable
24 housing for all plan may be combined with the state homeless housing
25 strategic plan required under RCW 43.185C.040 or any other existing
26 state housing plan as long as the requirements of all of the plans to
27 be merged are met. The state plan must discuss linkages to all other
28 department programs, including programs related to local government,
29 community services, and economic development initiatives.

30 (2) The purpose of the state affordable housing for all plan is to:

31 (a) Document each year the quantity and price per month need for
32 affordable housing for each local jurisdiction by economic segment in
33 the state and the extent to which that need is being met through public
34 and private sector ((programs, to)) housing efforts;

35 (b) Outline the development of sound strategies and programs to
36 provide affordable housing to all economic segments in the state by
37 2020;

1 (c) Measure the success of moving people in all government
2 supported housing programs to self-sufficiency;

3 (d) Measure the cost-efficiency of government supported housing
4 programs, including the documentation of the state and local cost per
5 unit of housing with a goal of reducing the state subsidized portion to
6 the greatest extent possible;

7 (e) Establish, evaluate, and report upon performance measures,
8 goals, and timelines that are determined by the department for the
9 affordable housing for all program and the state and local affordable
10 housing for all plans, as well as for all federal, state, and local
11 housing programs and plans operated or coordinated by the department,
12 including: (i) Federal block grant programs; (ii) the Washington
13 housing trust fund; and (iii) all local surcharge funds collected with
14 the purpose of addressing homelessness and affordable housing; and

15 (f) Facilitate state and county government planning to meet the
16 state affordable housing ((needs of the state, and to enable the
17 development of sound strategies and programs for affordable housing))
18 for all goal.

19 ~~((The information in the five year housing advisory plan must~~
20 ~~include:~~

21 ~~(a) An assessment of the state's housing market trends;~~

22 ~~(b) An assessment of the housing needs for all economic segments of~~
23 ~~the state and special needs populations;~~

24 ~~(c) An inventory of the supply and geographic distribution of~~
25 ~~affordable housing units made available through public and private~~
26 ~~sector programs;~~

27 ~~(d) A status report on the degree of progress made by the public~~
28 ~~and private sector toward meeting the housing needs of the state;~~

29 ~~(e) An identification of state and local regulatory barriers to~~
30 ~~affordable housing and proposed regulatory and administrative~~
31 ~~techniques designed to remove barriers to the development and placement~~
32 ~~of affordable housing; and~~

33 ~~(f) Specific recommendations, policies, or proposals for meeting~~
34 ~~the affordable housing needs of the state.~~

35 (2)) (3)(a) The department, in consultation with the affordable
36 housing advisory board, shall develop recommendations for affordable
37 housing for all program performance measures, short-term and long-term
38 goals, and timelines, as well as information to be collected, analyzed,

1 and reported upon in the state and local affordable housing for all
2 plans. One performance measure must address the program's
3 effectiveness in achieving the ultimate goal of a decent and affordable
4 home in a healthy, safe environment for all economic segments in the
5 state by 2020. A second specific performance measure must be to ensure
6 that the rate of growth in the overall price of housing for each
7 economic segment is less than that of the overall growth in wages for
8 each economic segment. A third specific performance measure must
9 address the existence and effectiveness of linkages and coordination
10 between the department's housing programs and other department
11 programs, including programs related to local government, community
12 services, and economic development initiatives. The department shall
13 present its recommendations for additional performance measures to the
14 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2009.

15 (b) Performance measures and other required plan components must be
16 reviewed annually by the department after soliciting feedback from the
17 affordable housing advisory board, appropriate committees of the
18 legislature, and all county affordable housing for all task forces.

19 (c) The department may determine a timeline to implement and
20 measure each performance measure for the state and county affordable
21 housing for all programs, except that the state and all counties
22 participating in the affordable housing for all program must implement
23 and respond to all performance measures by January 1, 2012, unless the
24 department determines that a performance measure is not applicable to
25 a specific county based on parameters and thresholds established by the
26 department.

27 (4) The ((five-year)) state affordable housing ((advisory)) for all
28 plan required under ((subsection (1) of)) this section must be
29 submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature on or before
30 ((February 1, 1994)) January 15, 2011, and subsequent updated plans
31 must be submitted ((every five years)) by January 15th each year
32 thereafter.

33 ((b) Each February 1st, beginning February 1, 1995, the department
34 shall submit an annual progress report, to the legislature, detailing
35 the extent to which the state's affordable housing needs were met
36 during the preceding year and recommendations for meeting those needs))

37 (5) To guide counties in preparation of their county affordable
38 housing for all plans required under section 7 of this act, the

1 department shall issue, by December 31, 2010, guidelines for preparing
2 county plans consistent with this chapter. County plans must include,
3 at a minimum, the same information reporting and analysis on a local
4 level and the same performance measures as the state plan.

5 (6) Each year, beginning in 2011, the department shall:

6 (a) Summarize key information from county plans, including a
7 summary of local city and county housing program activities and a
8 summary of legislative recommendations;

9 (b) Conduct annual performance evaluations of county plans; and

10 (c) Conduct annual performance evaluations of all counties
11 according to their performance in achieving affordable housing goals
12 stated in their county plans.

13 (7) The department shall include a summary of county affordable
14 housing for all plans and the results of performance evaluations in the
15 state affordable housing for all plan beginning in 2011.

16 (8) Based on changes to the general population and in the housing
17 market, the department may revise the performance measures and goals of
18 the state affordable housing for all plan and set goals for years
19 following December 31, 2020.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Each county shall convene a county
21 affordable housing task force. The task force must be a committee,
22 made up of volunteers, created to prepare and recommend to the county
23 legislative authority a county affordable housing for all plan and also
24 to recommend appropriate expenditures of the affordable housing for all
25 program funds provided for in RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act)
26 and any other sources directed to the county program. The county
27 affordable housing task force must include a representative of the
28 county, a representative from the city with the highest population in
29 the county, a representative from all other cities in the county with
30 a population greater than fifty thousand, a member representing
31 beneficiaries of affordable housing programs, other members as may be
32 required to maintain eligibility for federal funding related to housing
33 programs and services, and a representative from both a private
34 nonprofit organization and a private for-profit organization with
35 experience in very low-income housing. The task force may be the same
36 as the homeless housing task force created in RCW 43.185C.160 or the

1 same as another existing task force or other formal committee that
2 meets the requirements of this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** (1) Except as provided in section 8 of this
4 act, each county shall direct its affordable housing task force to
5 prepare and recommend to its county legislative authority a county
6 affordable housing for all plan for its jurisdictional area. Each
7 county shall adopt a county plan by June 30, 2011, and update the plan
8 annually by June 30th thereafter. All county plans must be forwarded
9 to the department by the date of adoption. County affordable housing
10 for all plans may be combined with the local homeless housing plans
11 required under RCW 43.185C.040, county comprehensive plans required
12 under RCW 36.70A.040, or any other existing plan addressing housing
13 within a county as long as the requirements of all of the plans to be
14 merged are met. For counties required or choosing to plan under RCW
15 36.70A.040, county affordable housing for all plans must be consistent
16 with the housing elements of comprehensive plans described in RCW
17 36.70A.070(2). County plans must also be consistent with any existing
18 local homeless housing plan required in RCW 43.185C.050. County plans
19 must include a discussion of the effectiveness of linkages and
20 coordination with county or regional community services and economic
21 development plans.

22 (2) County affordable housing for all plans must be primarily
23 focused on (a) ensuring that households of all economic segments,
24 including those households at risk of homelessness, in the county
25 jurisdictional area have a decent and affordable home in a healthy,
26 safe environment by 2020 with a priority placed on achieving this goal
27 for low-income households and (b) increasing the percentage of
28 households who ultimately are able to access affordable housing without
29 government assistance. County affordable housing for all plans must
30 include:

31 (i) At a minimum, the same information, analysis, and performance
32 measures as the state affordable housing for all plan, including
33 information and performance measurement data, where available, on state
34 supported housing programs and all city and county housing programs,
35 including local housing-related levy initiatives, housing-related tax
36 exemption programs, and federally funded programs operated or
37 coordinated by local governments;

1 (ii) Timelines for the accomplishment of interim goals and targets,
2 and for the acquisition of projected financing that is appropriate for
3 outlined goals and targets;

4 (iii) An identification of challenges to reaching the affordable
5 housing for all goal;

6 (iv) A total estimated amount of funds needed to reach the local
7 affordable housing for all goal and an identification of potential
8 funding sources; and

9 (v) State legislative recommendations to enable the county to
10 achieve its affordable housing for all goals. Legislative
11 recommendations must be specific and, if necessary, include an
12 estimated amount of funding required and suggestions of an appropriate
13 funding source.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) Any county may decline to participate in
15 the affordable housing for all program authorized in this chapter by
16 forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by the county
17 legislative authority stating the intention not to participate. A copy
18 of the resolution must also be transmitted to the county auditor and
19 treasurer. Counties that decline to participate shall not be required
20 to establish an affordable housing task force or to create a county
21 affordable housing for all plan. Counties declining to participate in
22 the affordable housing for all program shall continue to collect and
23 utilize the affordable housing for all surcharge for the purposes
24 described in RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act); however, such
25 counties shall not be allocated any additional affordable housing for
26 all program funding that is specifically provided for program planning,
27 implementation, performance and quality management, and administrative
28 purposes. Counties may opt back into the affordable housing for all
29 program authorized by this chapter at a later date through a process
30 and timeline to be determined by the department.

31 (2) If a county declines to participate in the affordable housing
32 for all program authorized in this chapter, a city or formally
33 organized collaborative of cities within that county may forward a
34 resolution to the department stating its intention and willingness to
35 operate an affordable housing for all program within its jurisdictional
36 limits. The department must establish procedures to choose amongst
37 cities or collaboratives of cities in the event that more than one city

1 or collaborative of cities express an interest in participating in the
2 program. Participating cities or collaboratives of cities must fulfill
3 the same requirements as counties participating in the affordable
4 housing for all program.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A county may subcontract with any other
6 county, city, town, housing authority, community action agency, or
7 other nonprofit organization for the execution of programs contributing
8 to the affordable housing for all goal. All subcontracts must be:
9 Consistent with the county affordable housing for all plan adopted by
10 the legislative authority of the county; time limited; and filed with
11 the department, and must have specific performance terms as specified
12 by the county. County governments must strongly encourage each
13 subcontractor under the affordable housing for all program to apply to
14 the Washington state quality award program for an independent
15 assessment of its quality management, accountability, and performance
16 system. This authority to subcontract with other entities does not
17 affect participating counties' ultimate responsibility for meeting the
18 requirements of the affordable housing for all program.

19 **Sec. 10.** RCW 36.22.178 and 2007 c 427 s 1 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 The surcharge provided for in this section shall be named the
22 affordable housing for all surcharge.

23 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a
24 surcharge of ten dollars per instrument shall be charged by the county
25 auditor for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any
26 other charge authorized by law. The county may retain up to five
27 percent of these funds collected solely for the collection,
28 administration, and local distribution of these funds. Of the
29 remaining funds, forty percent of the revenue generated through this
30 surcharge will be transmitted monthly to the state treasurer who will
31 deposit the funds into the affordable housing for all account created
32 in RCW 43.185C.190. The department of community, trade, and economic
33 development must use these funds to provide housing and shelter for
34 extremely low-income households, including but not limited to grants
35 for building operation and maintenance costs of housing projects or
36 units within housing projects that are affordable to extremely low-

1 income households with incomes at or below thirty percent of the area
2 median income, and that require a supplement to rent income to cover
3 ongoing operating expenses.

4 (2) All of the remaining funds generated by this surcharge will be
5 retained by the county and be deposited into a fund that must be used
6 by the county and its cities and towns for eligible housing activities
7 as described in this subsection that serve very low-income households
8 with incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median income. The
9 portion of the surcharge retained by a county shall be allocated to
10 eligible housing activities that serve extremely low and very low-
11 income households in the county and the cities within a county
12 according to an interlocal agreement between the county and the cities
13 within the county consistent with countywide and local housing needs
14 and policies. A priority must be given to eligible housing activities
15 that serve extremely low-income households with incomes at or below
16 thirty percent of the area median income. Eligible housing activities
17 to be funded by these county funds are limited to:

18 (a) Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing
19 projects or units within housing projects that are affordable to very
20 low-income households with incomes at or below fifty percent of the
21 area median income, including units for homeownership, rental units,
22 seasonal and permanent farm worker housing units, and single room
23 occupancy units;

24 (b) Supporting building operation and maintenance costs of housing
25 projects or units within housing projects eligible to receive housing
26 trust funds, that are affordable to very low-income households with
27 incomes at or below fifty percent of the area median income, and that
28 require a supplement to rent income to cover ongoing operating
29 expenses;

30 (c) Rental assistance vouchers for housing units that are
31 affordable to very low-income households with incomes at or below fifty
32 percent of the area median income, to be administered by a local public
33 housing authority or other local organization that has an existing
34 rental assistance voucher program, consistent with or similar to the
35 United States department of housing and urban development's section 8
36 rental assistance voucher program standards; and

37 (d) Operating costs for emergency shelters and licensed overnight
38 youth shelters.

1 (3) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
2 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

3 (4) All counties shall report at least annually by May 1st upon
4 receipts and expenditures of the affordable housing for all surcharge
5 funds created in this section to the department. The department may
6 require more frequent reports. The report must include the amount of
7 funding generated by the surcharge, the total amount of funding
8 distributed to date, the amount of funding allocated to each eligible
9 housing activity, a description of each eligible housing activity
10 funded, including information on the income or wage level and numbers
11 of extremely low, very low, and low-income households the eligible
12 housing activity is intended to serve, and the outcome or anticipated
13 outcome of each eligible housing activity.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. This chapter does not require either the
15 department or any local government to expend any funds to accomplish
16 the goals of this chapter other than the revenues authorized in this
17 act and other revenue that may be appropriated by the legislature for
18 these purposes. However, neither the department nor any local
19 government may use any funds authorized in this act to supplant or
20 reduce any existing expenditures of public money to address the
21 affordable housing shortage.

22 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.185A.100 and 2006 c 349 s 11 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 The department(~~(7)~~) shall collaborate with the housing finance
25 commission, the affordable housing advisory board, and all local
26 governments, housing authorities, and other (~~(nonprofits)~~) eligible
27 organizations receiving state housing funds, affordable housing for all
28 funds, home security funds, or financing through the housing finance
29 commission ((shall, by December 31, 2006, and annually thereafter,
30 review current housing reporting requirements related to housing
31 programs and services and give)) to include in the state affordable
32 housing for all plan, by December 31, 2010, recommendations, where
33 possible:

34 (1) To streamline and simplify all housing planning, application,
35 and reporting requirements ((to the department of community, trade, and

1 economic development, which will compile and present the
2 recommendations annually to the legislature. The entities listed in
3 this section shall also give recommendations for additional)); and
4 (2) For legislative actions that could promote the affordable
5 housing for all goal and the state goal to end homelessness.

6 **Sec. 13.** RCW 43.185.070 and 2005 c 518 s 1802 and 2005 c 219 s 2
7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) During each calendar year in which funds from the housing trust
9 fund or other legislative appropriations are available for use by the
10 department for the housing assistance program, the department shall
11 announce to all known interested parties, and through major media
12 throughout the state, a grant and loan application period of at least
13 ninety days' duration. This announcement shall be made as often as the
14 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The
15 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
16 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the
17 department. Administrative costs paid out of the housing trust fund
18 may not exceed five percent of annual revenues available for
19 distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds under
20 this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic
21 distribution on a statewide basis.

22 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for
23 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing
24 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit
25 public development authorities and public housing authorities as
26 created in chapter 35.82 RCW. As used in this subsection, privately
27 owned housing stock includes housing that is acquired by a federal
28 agency through a default on the mortgage by the private owner. Such
29 projects and activities shall be evaluated under subsection (3) of this
30 section. Second priority shall be given to activities and projects
31 which utilize existing publicly owned housing stock. All projects and
32 activities shall be evaluated by some or all of the criteria under
33 subsection (3) of this section, and similar projects and activities
34 shall be evaluated under the same criteria.

35 (3) The department shall give preference for applications based on
36 some or all of the criteria under this subsection, and similar projects
37 and activities shall be evaluated under the same criteria:

1 (a) The degree of leveraging of other funds that will occur;

2 (b) The degree of commitment from programs to provide necessary
3 habilitation and support services for projects focusing on special
4 needs populations;

5 (c) Recipient contributions to total project costs, including
6 allied contributions from other sources such as professional, craft and
7 trade services, and lender interest rate subsidies;

8 (d) Local government project contributions in the form of
9 infrastructure improvements, and others;

10 (e) Projects that encourage ownership, management, and other
11 project-related responsibility opportunities;

12 (f) Projects that demonstrate a strong probability of serving the
13 original target group or income level for a period of at least twenty-
14 five years;

15 (g) The applicant has the demonstrated ability, stability and
16 resources to implement the project;

17 (h) The applicant has committed to quality improvement and
18 submitted an application to the Washington state quality award program
19 for an independent assessment of its quality management,
20 accountability, and performance system within the previous three years;

21 (i) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;

22 ~~((+i))~~ (j) Projects that provide housing for persons and families
23 with the lowest incomes;

24 ~~((+j))~~ (k) Projects that provide housing for persons at risk of
25 homelessness;

26 (l) Projects serving special needs populations which are under
27 statutory mandate to develop community housing;

28 ~~((+k))~~ (m) Project location and access to employment centers in
29 the region or area;

30 ~~((+l))~~ (n) Projects that provide employment and training
31 opportunities for disadvantaged youth under a youthbuild or youthbuild-
32 type program as defined in RCW 50.72.020; and

33 ~~((+m))~~ (o) Project location and access to available public
34 transportation services.

35 (4) The department shall only approve applications for projects for
36 ~~((mentally ill))~~ persons with mental illness that are consistent with
37 a regional support network six-year capital and operating plan.

1 **Sec. 14.** RCW 43.185C.005 and 2005 c 484 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Despite laudable efforts by all levels of government, private
4 individuals, nonprofit organizations, and charitable foundations to end
5 homelessness, the number of homeless persons and persons at risk of
6 homelessness in Washington is unacceptably high. The state's homeless
7 population, furthermore, includes a large number of families with
8 children, youth, and employed persons. The legislature finds that the
9 fiscal and societal costs of homelessness are high for both the public
10 and private sectors, and that ending homelessness (~~(should)~~) must be a
11 goal for state and local government.

12 The legislature finds that there are many causes of homelessness,
13 including: A shortage of affordable housing; a shortage of family-wage
14 jobs which undermines housing affordability; a lack of an accessible
15 and affordable health care system available to all who suffer from
16 physical and mental illnesses and chemical and alcohol dependency;
17 domestic violence; (~~and~~) a lack of education and job skills necessary
18 to acquire adequate wage jobs in the economy of the twenty-first
19 century; inadequate availability of services for citizens with mental
20 disorders, chemical dependency disorders, or developmental disabilities
21 living in the community; and the difficulties faced by formerly
22 institutionalized persons in reintegrating to society and finding
23 stable employment and housing.

24 The support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide
25 community is critical to the chances of success in ending homelessness
26 in Washington. While the provision of housing and housing-related
27 services to the homeless should be administered at the local level to
28 best address specific community needs, the legislature also recognizes
29 the need for the state to play a primary coordinating, supporting,
30 (~~and~~) monitoring, and evaluating role. There must be a clear
31 assignment of responsibilities and a clear statement of achievable and
32 quantifiable goals. Systematic statewide data collection on
33 (~~(homelessness)~~) homeless individuals in Washington must be a critical
34 component of such a program enabling the state to work with local
35 governments not only to count all homeless people in the state, but to
36 record and manage information about homeless persons (~~and~~) in order
37 to assist them in finding housing and other supportive services that

1 can help them, when possible, achieve the highest degree of self-
2 sufficiency and economic independence that is appropriate given their
3 specific abilities and situations.

4 The systematic collection and rigorous evaluation of homeless data,
5 a nationwide search for and implementation through adequate resource
6 allocation of best practices, and the systematic measurement of
7 progress toward interim goals and the ultimate goal of ending
8 homelessness are all necessary components of a statewide effort to end
9 homelessness in Washington by ~~((July 1, 2015))~~ December 31, 2019.

10 **Sec. 15.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2007 c 427 s 3 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
13 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

14 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
15 economic development.

16 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
17 trade, and economic development.

18 (3) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a
19 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal
20 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing
21 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing program
22 if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes substance
23 abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who are
24 homeless.

25 (4) "Washington homeless census" or "census" means ~~((an annual))~~ a
26 statewide census conducted at least annually as a collaborative effort
27 by towns, cities, counties, community-based organizations, and state
28 agencies, with the technical support and coordination of the
29 department, to count and collect ~~((data on))~~ information about all
30 homeless individuals in Washington.

31 (5) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account
32 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources
33 established by RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act), RCW
34 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act), and all other sources directed
35 to the homeless housing and assistance program.

36 (6) ~~((Homeless housing))~~ Ending homelessness grant program means
37 the ~~((vehicle by))~~ program established in RCW 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080,

1 and 43.185C.090 under which competitive grants are awarded by the
2 department, utilizing moneys from the ~~((homeless—housing))~~ home
3 security fund account, to local governments for programs directly
4 related to ~~((housing—homeless—individuals—and—families,))~~ addressing
5 the root causes of homelessness, preventing homelessness, collecting
6 data and information on homeless individuals, and ~~((other—efforts~~
7 ~~directly—related—to—housing—homeless—persons))~~ implementing quality
8 management programs.

9 (7) "Local government" means a county government in the state of
10 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the
11 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing
12 homeless persons within its ~~((borders))~~ jurisdiction.

13 (8) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals along
14 a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and
15 homeownership at the other.

16 (9) "Local ~~((homeless—housing))~~ ending homelessness task force"
17 means a voluntary local committee created under RCW 43.185C.160 to
18 ~~((advise—a—local—government—on—the—creation—of))~~ develop a local
19 ~~((homeless—housing))~~ ending homelessness plan and participate in a
20 local ~~((homeless—housing))~~ ending homelessness program. ~~((It—must~~
21 ~~include—a—representative—of—the—county, a representative of the largest~~
22 ~~city—located—within—the—county, at least one homeless or formerly~~
23 ~~homeless person, such other members as may be required to maintain~~
24 ~~eligibility for federal funding related to housing programs and~~
25 ~~services and if feasible, a representative of a private nonprofit~~
26 ~~organization with experience in low-income housing.))~~

27 (10) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and
28 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no
29 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

30 (11) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
31 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level
32 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of
33 community, trade, and economic development; (b) the department of
34 corrections; (c) the department of social and health services; (d) the
35 department of veterans affairs; and (e) the department of health.

36 (12) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
37 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

1 (13) "Performance evaluation" means the process of evaluating
2 performance by established objective, measurable criteria according to
3 the achievement of outlined goals, measures, targets, standards, or
4 other outcomes, using a ranked scorecard from highest to lowest
5 performance that employs a scale of one to one hundred, one hundred
6 being the optimal score.

7 (14) "Quality management program" means a nationally recognized
8 program using criteria similar or equivalent to the Baldrige criteria.
9 All local governments receiving over five hundred thousand dollars a
10 year during the previous calendar year from: State housing-related
11 funding sources, including the Washington housing trust fund; the
12 ending homelessness program surcharges in RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791
13 (as recodified by this act); and any surcharges in this chapter and the
14 surcharges in RCW 36.22.178 (as recodified by this act), shall apply to
15 the Washington state quality award program for an independent
16 assessment of its quality management, accountability, and performance
17 system, once every three years beginning by January 1, 2011.

18 (15) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
19 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

20 ~~((14))~~ (16) "Housing authority" means any of the public
21 corporations created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

22 ~~((15) "Homeless housing"))~~ (17) "Ending homelessness program" means
23 the program authorized under this chapter as administered by the
24 department at the state level and by the local government or its
25 designated subcontractor at the local level.

26 ~~((16) "Homeless housing"))~~ (18) "Local ending homelessness plan"
27 means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the ~~((county or other))~~ local
28 government to address ~~((housing for homeless persons))~~ ending
29 homelessness.

30 ~~((17) "Homeless housing"))~~ (19) "State ending homelessness
31 strategic plan" means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the
32 department, in consultation with the interagency council on
33 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
34 affordable housing advisory board, to end homelessness.

35 ~~((18))~~ (20) "Washington homeless client management information
36 system" means a database of information about homeless individuals in
37 the state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to

1 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-sufficiency
2 or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon their
3 individual situations.

4 (21) "Good family wage job" means a job that pays at or above one
5 of the two self-sufficiency income standards established under section
6 30 of this act which for an individual means enough income to support
7 one adult individual, and for a family means enough income to support
8 two adult individuals, one preschool-aged child, and one school-aged
9 child.

10 (22) "Unsheltered homeless" means a homeless individual or homeless
11 individuals living outside or in a building not intended for human
12 habitation or in which the individual or individuals have no legal
13 right to occupy.

14 (23) "At risk of homelessness" means any low, very low, or
15 extremely low-income individual or family residing in housing that is
16 not affordable housing.

17 **Sec. 16.** RCW 43.185C.020 and 2005 c 484 s 5 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 There is created within the department the ~~((homeless housing))~~
20 ending homelessness program to develop and ~~((coordinate))~~ implement a
21 statewide ending homelessness strategic plan ~~((aimed at housing~~
22 ~~homeless persons))~~, coordinate and monitor local government ending
23 homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending
24 homelessness grant program. The ending homelessness program has an
25 established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population
26 statewide and in each county by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an
27 ultimate goal of ending homelessness by December 31, 2019. The ending
28 homelessness program ~~((shall be))~~ is developed and administered by the
29 department with advice and input from the affordable housing advisory
30 board established in RCW 43.185B.020.

31 **Sec. 17.** RCW 43.185C.040 and 2005 c 484 s 7 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) ~~((Six months after the first Washington homeless census,))~~ The
34 department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on
35 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
36 affordable housing advisory board, prepare and ~~((publish a ten-year~~

1 ~~homeless housing~~) annually update a state ending homelessness
2 strategic plan (~~which shall~~) that must outline statewide goals and
3 performance measures (~~and shall be coordinated with the plan for~~
4 ~~homeless families with children required under RCW 43.63A.650. To~~
5 ~~guide local governments in preparation of their first local homeless~~
6 ~~housing plans due December 31, 2005, the department shall issue by~~
7 ~~October 15, 2005, temporary guidelines consistent with this chapter and~~
8 ~~including the best available data on each community's homeless~~
9 ~~population~~) to meet the needs of all homeless populations, including
10 chronic homeless, unsheltered homeless, short-term homeless, families,
11 individuals, and youth, as well as to meet the needs of individuals and
12 families at risk of homelessness. Local governments' (~~ten-year~~
13 homeless housing) local ending homelessness plans (~~shall not~~) must
14 include all of the performance measures included in the state ending
15 homelessness strategic plan and must be substantially (~~inconsistent~~)
16 consistent with the goals and program recommendations of (~~the~~
17 ~~temporary guidelines and, when amended after 2005,~~) the state ending
18 homelessness strategic plan.

19 (2)(a) Program outcomes and performance measures and goals
20 (~~shall~~) must be created by the department (~~and reflected~~) in
21 consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task
22 force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs
23 of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives
24 appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending
25 homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and
26 communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a
27 representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates
28 for ending homelessness. All performance measures must have targets
29 and timelines. The task force must also produce guidelines for local
30 governments regarding methods, techniques, and data suggested to
31 measure each performance measure. Performance measures, yearly
32 targets, and corresponding measurement guidelines must be established
33 by December 31, 2009, and must be reviewed annually by the department
34 and the interagency council on homelessness after soliciting feedback
35 from all local ending homelessness task forces. Performance measures
36 must be included in the department's (~~homeless housing~~) state ending
37 homelessness strategic plan (~~as well as~~) and all local ending
38 homelessness plans.

1 (b) The department may determine a timeline for implementation and
2 measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending
3 homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments
4 must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31,
5 2011, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not
6 applicable to a specific local area according to parameters and
7 thresholds established by the department.

8 (c) Performance measures must be created, at a minimum, to gauge
9 the success of the state and each local government in the following
10 areas:

11 (i) The cost of ending homelessness in comparison with available
12 and committed resources;

13 (ii) The total capital and service dollars required statewide and
14 by county to meet the two goals outlined in RCW 43.185C.020, the
15 assessment of which must include a determination of the current
16 shortfall of funds as well as recommendations to reduce the total
17 amount of funds determined to be needed to meet the goals;

18 (iii) The self-sufficiency of persons in Washington;

19 (iv) The achievement of an appropriate level of self-sufficiency
20 for homeless individuals;

21 (v) The quality and completeness of the Washington homeless client
22 management information system database;

23 (vi) The quality of the performance management systems of state
24 agencies, local governments, and local government subcontractors
25 executing programs, as authorized by RCW 43.185C.080(1), that
26 contribute to the overall goal of ending homelessness; and

27 (vii) The quality of local ending homelessness plans.

28 Performance measurements are reported upon by city and county
29 geography, including demographics with yearly or more frequent targets.

30 (3) Interim goals against which state and local governments'
31 performance may be measured must also be described and reported upon in
32 the state ending homelessness strategic plan, including:

33 ~~(a) ((By the end of year one, completion of the first census as~~
34 ~~described in RCW 43.185C.030;~~

35 ~~(b))~~ By the end of each subsequent year, goals common to all state
36 and local programs which are measurable and the achievement of which
37 would move that community toward housing its homeless population; ~~((and~~

1 ~~(e)~~) (b) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population
2 statewide and in each county by ~~((fifty))~~ seventy percent; and

3 (c) By December 31, 2020, the reduction of the homeless population
4 statewide and in each county by one hundred percent, representing the
5 end of homelessness in Washington.

6 ~~((3))~~ (4) The department shall develop a consistent statewide
7 data gathering instrument to monitor the performance of cities and
8 counties receiving ending homelessness grants in order to determine
9 compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the ending
10 homelessness grant application or required by the department.

11 (5) The department shall, in consultation with the interagency
12 council on homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness,
13 and the affordable housing advisory board, report annually to the
14 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature ~~((an~~
15 ~~assessment of))~~ information about:

16 (a) All state programs addressing homeless housing and services;

17 (b) The state's performance in furthering the goals of the state
18 ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness strategic plan; and

19 (c) The performance of each participating local government in
20 creating and executing a local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness
21 plan ~~((which))~~ that meets the requirements of this chapter. ~~((The~~
22 ~~annual report may include performance measures such as:~~

23 ~~(a) The reduction in the number of homeless individuals and~~
24 ~~families from the initial count of homeless persons;~~

25 ~~(b) The number of new units available and affordable for homeless~~
26 ~~families by housing type;~~

27 ~~(c) The number of homeless individuals identified who are not~~
28 ~~offered suitable housing within thirty days of their request or~~
29 ~~identification as homeless;~~

30 ~~(d) The number of households at risk of losing housing who maintain~~
31 ~~it due to a preventive intervention;~~

32 ~~(e) The transition time from homelessness to permanent housing;~~

33 ~~(f) The cost per person housed at each level of the housing~~
34 ~~continuum;~~

35 ~~(g) The ability to successfully collect data and report~~
36 ~~performance;~~

37 ~~(h) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public~~

1 ~~bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community~~
2 ~~support and participation;~~

3 ~~(i) The quality and safety of housing provided; and~~

4 ~~(j) The effectiveness of outreach to homeless persons, and their~~
5 ~~satisfaction with the program.~~

6 ~~(4)) (6) The state plan must also include a response to each~~
7 ~~recommendation included in the local plans for policy changes to assist~~
8 ~~in ending homelessness and a summary of the recommendations to the~~
9 ~~legislature to streamline and simplify all homeless planning and~~
10 ~~reporting requirements.~~

11 ~~(7) Based on the performance of local ((homeless housing)) ending~~
12 ~~homelessness programs in meeting their interim goals, on general~~
13 ~~population changes and on changes in the homeless population recorded~~
14 ~~in the ((annual)) census, the department may revise the performance~~
15 ~~measures and goals of the state ((homeless housing strategic plan))~~
16 ~~ending homelessness plans, set goals for years following the initial~~
17 ~~ten-year period, and recommend changes in local governments' ending~~
18 ~~homelessness plans.~~

19 **Sec. 18.** RCW 43.185C.050 and 2005 c 484 s 8 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 ~~(1)(a)(i) Each local ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness task~~
22 ~~force shall prepare and recommend to its local government legislative~~
23 ~~authority a ((ten-year homeless housing)) local ending homelessness~~
24 ~~plan for its jurisdictional area ((which shall be not inconsistent))~~
25 ~~that is consistent with the department's ((statewide temporary~~
26 ~~guidelines, for the December 31, 2005, plan, and thereafter the~~
27 ~~department's ten-year homeless housing)) state ending homelessness~~
28 ~~strategic plan and ((which shall be)) is aimed at eliminating~~
29 ~~homelessness, with a minimum goal of reducing homelessness by ((fifty))~~
30 ~~seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an ultimate goal of ending~~
31 ~~homelessness by December 31, 2020. ((The local government may amend~~
32 ~~the proposed local plan and shall adopt a plan by December 31, 2005.~~
33 ~~Performance in meeting the goals of this local plan shall be assessed~~
34 ~~annually in terms of the performance measures published by the~~
35 ~~department.)) Local governments must update their local ending~~
36 ~~homelessness plan annually on a schedule to be determined by the~~
37 ~~department.~~

1 (ii) Local plans must include specific strategic objectives and
2 performance measures, consistent with the state plan, and must include
3 corresponding action plans. Local plans must address identified
4 strategies to meet the needs of all homeless populations, including
5 chronic homeless, unsheltered homeless, short-term homeless, families,
6 individuals, and youth, as well as to meet the needs of individuals and
7 families at risk of homelessness. Local plans must specifically
8 identify efforts to meet the needs of homeless students. Each local
9 plan must include the total estimated cost of accomplishing the goals
10 of the plan to reduce homelessness by seventy percent by July 1, 2015,
11 and an ultimate goal of ending homelessness by December 31, 2020, and
12 must include an accounting of total committed funds for this purpose.
13 Local plans must include a strategy for implementing or continually
14 improving a quality management program.

15 (b)(i) The department must conduct an annual performance evaluation
16 of each local plan by December 31st of each year beginning in 2009.
17 The department must also conduct an annual performance evaluation of
18 each local government's performance related to its local plan by
19 December 31st of each year beginning in 2009. A local government's
20 performance must be evaluated using, at a minimum, the performance
21 measures outlined in RCW 43.185C.040(2).

22 (ii) In addition to the performance measures mandated in RCW
23 43.185C.040(2), local plans may include specific local performance
24 measures adopted by the local government legislative authority((~~τ~~)) and
25 ((~~may~~)) must include recommendations for ((~~any~~)) state legislation
26 needed to meet the state or local plan goals. The recommendations must
27 be specific and must, if funding is required, include an estimated
28 amount of funding required and suggestions for an appropriate funding
29 source.

30 (2) Eligible activities under the local plans include:

31 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of homeless
32 persons;

33 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
34 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in
35 transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
36 homelessness;

37 (c) Operating subsidies for transitional housing or permanent
38 housing serving formerly homeless families or individuals;

1 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
2 prevention programs, including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
3 homelessness;

4 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state institutions
5 and other state programs to prevent them from becoming or remaining
6 homeless;

7 (f) Outreach services for homeless individuals and families;

8 (g) Development and management of local (~~homeless~~) ending
9 homelessness plans, including homeless census data collection(~~(+)~~) and
10 information, identification of goals, performance measures, strategies,
11 and costs, and evaluation of progress towards established goals;

12 (h) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for persons who are
13 homeless or below thirty percent of the median income or in immediate
14 danger of becoming homeless; (~~and~~)

15 (i) Implementing a quality management program and applying to the
16 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
17 quality management, accountability, and performance systems or applying
18 to the full examination Washington state quality award program; and

19 (j) Other activities to reduce and prevent homelessness as
20 identified for funding in the local plan.

21 **Sec. 19.** RCW 43.185C.070 and 2005 c 484 s 11 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) During each calendar year in which moneys from the (~~homeless~~
24 ~~housing~~) home security fund account are available for use by the
25 department for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant
26 program, the department shall announce to all Washington counties,
27 participating cities, and through major media throughout the state, a
28 grant application period of at least ninety days' duration. Grants may
29 be awarded for programs directly related to addressing the root causes
30 of homelessness, preventing homelessness, collecting data and
31 information on homeless individuals, and implementing quality
32 management programs. Only a local government participating in the
33 ending homelessness program is eligible to receive an ending
34 homelessness grant. This announcement will be made as often as the
35 director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources. The
36 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will

1 utilize available funds, less appropriate administrative costs of the
2 department as described in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act).

3 (2) The department (~~((will))~~) shall develop, (~~((with advice and input~~
4 ~~from the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW~~
5 ~~43.185B.020))~~) in consultation with the interagency council on
6 homelessness, criteria to evaluate grant applications.

7 (3) The department may approve only those applications (~~((only if~~
8 ~~they))~~) that are consistent with the local and state (~~((homeless housing~~
9 ~~program strategic))~~) ending homelessness plans. The department may give
10 preference to applications based on some or all of the following
11 criteria:

12 (a) The total homeless population in the applicant local government
13 service area, as reported by the most recent (~~((annual))~~) Washington
14 homeless census;

15 (b) Current local expenditures to provide housing for the homeless
16 and to address the underlying causes of homelessness as described in
17 RCW 43.185C.005;

18 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
19 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
20 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
21 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
22 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
23 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
24 sources such as professional, craft, and trade services, and lender
25 interest rate subsidies;

26 (~~((Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve~~
27 ~~homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty five~~
28 ~~years;~~

29 (~~(e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with~~
30 ~~the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs~~
31 ~~populations;~~

32 (~~(f))~~) The degree to which the applicant project represents a
33 collaboration between local governments, nonprofit community-based
34 organizations, local and state agencies, and the private sector(~~((,~~
35 ~~especially through its integration with the coordinated and~~
36 ~~comprehensive plan for homeless families with children required under~~
37 ~~RCW 43.63A.650))~~);

1 ~~((g))~~ (e) The cooperation of the local government in the
2 ~~((annual))~~ Washington homeless census ~~((project))~~;

3 ~~((h))~~ (f) The number of homeless censuses or other homeless
4 counts conducted by the local government beyond the annual census
5 requirement;

6 (g) The commitment of the local government and any subcontracting
7 local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities to
8 employ a diverse work force and pay wages at or above the self-
9 sufficiency standard;

10 (h) The commitment of the local government to apply to the
11 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
12 its quality management, accountability, and performance system or apply
13 to the full examination Washington state quality award program;

14 (i) The extent that a local government's subcontractors commit to
15 apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent
16 assessment of their quality management, accountability, and performance
17 systems or apply to the full examination Washington state quality award
18 program;

19 (j) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population is
20 disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter and RCW
21 36.22.178 and 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and

22 ~~((j))~~ (k) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly
23 related to the goal and the department's state ending homelessness
24 strategic plan.

25 **Sec. 20.** RCW 43.185C.080 and 2005 c 484 s 12 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (1) ~~((Only a local government is eligible to receive a homeless~~
28 ~~housing grant from the homeless housing account. Any city may assert~~
29 ~~responsibility for homeless housing within its borders if it so~~
30 ~~chooses, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of the~~
31 ~~county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a separate~~
32 ~~homeless housing program. The city shall then receive a percentage of~~
33 ~~the surcharge assessed under RCW 36.22.179 equal to the percentage of~~
34 ~~the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the~~
35 ~~county. A participating city may also then apply separately for~~
36 ~~homeless housing program grants. A city choosing to operate a separate~~
37 ~~homeless housing program shall be responsible for complying with all of~~

1 the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local homeless
2 housing plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for county local
3 plans. However, the city may by resolution of its legislative
4 authority accept the county's homeless housing task force as its own
5 and based on that task force's recommendations adopt a homeless housing
6 plan specific to the city.

7 ~~(2))~~ Local governments (~~(applying for homeless housing funds)~~) may
8 subcontract with any other local government, housing authority,
9 community action agency, or other nonprofit organization for the
10 execution of programs contributing to the overall goal of ending
11 homelessness within a defined service area. All subcontracts (~~(shall)~~)
12 must be consistent with the local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
13 homelessness plan adopted by the legislative authority of the local
14 government, time limited, and filed with the department, and (~~(shall)~~)
15 must have specific performance terms. Local governments must strongly
16 encourage all subcontractors under the ending homelessness program to
17 apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent
18 assessment of their quality management, accountability, and performance
19 systems or apply to the full examination Washington state quality award
20 program. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
21 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the
22 ultimate responsibility for the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
23 homelessness program within its (~~(borders)~~) jurisdiction.

24 ~~((3))~~ (2) A county may decline to participate in the program
25 authorized in this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution
26 adopted by the county legislative authority stating the intention not
27 to participate. A copy of the resolution (~~(shall)~~) must also be
28 transmitted to the county auditor and treasurer. If (~~(such a)~~) the
29 resolution is adopted, all of the funds otherwise due to the county
30 under RCW (~~(43.185C.060 shall)~~) 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as recodified
31 by this act), minus funds due to any city that has chosen to
32 participate through the process established in subsection (3) of this
33 section, must be remitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit in
34 the (~~(homeless housing)~~) home security fund account, without any
35 reduction by the county for collecting or administering the funds.
36 Upon receipt of the resolution, the department shall promptly begin to
37 identify and contract with one or more entities eligible under this
38 section to create and execute a local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending

1 homelessness plan for the county meeting the requirements of this
2 chapter. The department shall expend all of the funds received from
3 the county under this subsection to carry out the purposes of this
4 chapter (~~((484, Laws of 2005))~~) in the county, (~~((provided that))~~) but the
5 department may retain six percent of these funds to offset the cost of
6 managing the county's program.

7 (3) Any city may assert responsibility for homeless housing within
8 its borders, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of
9 the county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a
10 separate ending homelessness program. A city choosing to operate a
11 separate ending homelessness program receives a percentage of the
12 surcharges assessed under RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as recodified
13 by this act) equal to the percentage of the city's local portion of the
14 real estate excise tax collected by the county. A participating city
15 may also then apply separately for ending homelessness grants. A city
16 choosing to operate a separate ending homelessness program must comply
17 with all of the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local
18 ending homelessness plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for
19 local ending homelessness plans.

20 (4) A resolution by the county declining to participate in the
21 program (~~((shall have))~~) has no effect on the (~~((ability))~~) authority of
22 each city in the county to assert its right to manage its own program
23 under this chapter, and the county shall monthly transmit to the city
24 the funds due under (~~((this chapter))~~) RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as
25 recodified by this act).

26 **Sec. 21.** RCW 43.185C.090 and 2005 c 484 s 13 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 The department shall allocate ending homelessness grant moneys from
29 the (~~((homeless housing))~~) home security fund account to finance in whole
30 or in part programs and projects in approved local (~~((homeless housing))~~)
31 ending homelessness plans (~~((to assist homeless individuals and families~~
32 ~~gain access to adequate housing, prevent at risk individuals from~~
33 ~~becoming homeless, address the root causes of homelessness, track and~~
34 ~~report on homeless-related data, and facilitate the movement of~~
35 ~~homeless or formerly homeless individuals along the housing continuum~~
36 ~~toward more stable and independent housing))~~) for programs directly
37 related to addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing

1 homelessness, collecting data and information on homeless individuals,
2 and implementing quality management programs. The department may issue
3 criteria or guidelines to guide local governments in the application
4 process.

5 **Sec. 22.** RCW 43.185C.100 and 2005 c 484 s 14 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The department shall provide technical assistance to any
8 participating local government that requests such assistance.
9 Technical assistance activities may include:

10 (1) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate parties to
11 participate on local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness task
12 forces;

13 (2) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate service
14 providers with which the local governments may subcontract for service
15 provision and development activities, when necessary;

16 (3) Assisting local governments to implement or expand homeless
17 census programs to meet (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness
18 program requirements;

19 (4) Assisting local governments in the local implementation and
20 updating of the homeless client management information system as
21 required in RCW 43.185C.180;

22 (5) Assisting local governments to apply to the Washington state
23 quality award program for an independent assessment of their quality
24 management, accountability, and performance systems or apply to the
25 full examination Washington state quality award program;

26 (6) Assisting local governments to strongly encourage all
27 subcontractors to apply to the Washington state quality award program
28 for an independent assessment of their quality management,
29 accountability, and performance systems or apply to the full
30 examination Washington state quality award program;

31 (7) Assisting local governments to create quality ending
32 homelessness plans;

33 (8) Assisting in the identification of "best practices" from other
34 areas;

35 (~~(+5)~~) (9) Assisting in identifying additional funding sources for
36 specific projects; and

1 (~~(+6)~~) (10) Training local government and subcontractor staff,
2 including quality management training.

3 **Sec. 23.** RCW 43.185C.130 and 2005 c 484 s 17 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The department shall ensure that the state's interest is protected
6 upon the development, use, sale, or change of use of projects
7 constructed, acquired, or financed in whole or in part through the
8 (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness grant program. These policies
9 may include, but are not limited to: (1) Requiring a share of the
10 appreciation in the project in proportion to the state's contribution
11 to the project, or (2) requiring a lump sum repayment of the grant upon
12 the sale or change of use of the project.

13 **Sec. 24.** RCW 43.185C.160 and 2005 c 485 s 1 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) Each county shall create (~~(a homeless housing)~~) an ending
16 homelessness task force to develop a (~~(ten-year homeless housing)~~)
17 ending homelessness plan addressing short-term and long-term services
18 and housing (~~(for homeless persons)~~) to prevent and reduce homelessness
19 by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and to achieve the ultimate goal of
20 ending homelessness by December 31, 2020.

21 Membership on the task force may include representatives of the
22 counties, cities, towns, housing authorities, civic and faith
23 organizations, schools, community networks, human services providers,
24 law enforcement personnel, criminal justice personnel, including
25 prosecutors, probation officers, and jail administrators, substance
26 abuse treatment providers, mental health care providers, emergency
27 health care providers, businesses, at-large representatives of the
28 community, and a homeless or formerly homeless individual.

29 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
30 designate an existing governmental or nonprofit body (~~(which)~~) that
31 substantially conforms to this section and (~~(which)~~) includes at least
32 one homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless
33 representative. As an alternative to a separate plan, two or more
34 local governments may work in concert to develop and execute a joint
35 (~~(homeless housing)~~) local ending homelessness plan, or to contract
36 with another entity to do so according to the requirements of this

1 chapter. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
2 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the
3 ultimate responsibility for the ~~((homeless—housing))~~ ending
4 homelessness program within its borders.

5 ~~((A county may decline to participate in the program authorized in
6 this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by
7 the county legislative authority stating the intention not to
8 participate. A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the
9 county auditor and treasurer. If a county declines to participate, the
10 department shall create and execute a local homeless housing plan for
11 the county meeting the requirements of this chapter.))~~

12 (2) In addition to developing a ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ local
13 ending homelessness plan, each task force shall establish guidelines
14 consistent with the statewide ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness
15 strategic plan, as needed, for the following:

- 16 (a) Emergency shelters;
- 17 (b) Short-term housing needs;
- 18 (c) Temporary encampments;
- 19 (d) Rental voucher programs;
- 20 (e) Timely housing opportunities for unsheltered homeless;
- 21 (f) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; ~~((and~~
22 ~~(e)))~~ (g) Long-term housing; and
- 23 (h) Prevention services.

24 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and
25 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the
26 homeless.

27 (3) Each county ~~((, including counties exempted from creating a new
28 task force under subsection (1) of this section,))~~ shall report to the
29 department of community, trade, and economic development ~~((such))~~ any
30 information ~~((as may be))~~ needed to ensure compliance with this
31 chapter.

32 **Sec. 25.** RCW 43.185C.900 and 2005 c 484 s 2 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 This chapter may be known and cited as the ending homelessness
35 ~~((housing and assistance))~~ act.

1 **Sec. 26.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2007 c 427 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178 (as
4 recodified by this act), and except as provided in subsection (2) of
5 this section, an additional surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged
6 by the county auditor for each document recorded, which will be in
7 addition to any other charge allowed by law. The funds collected
8 pursuant to this section are to be distributed and used as follows:

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

30 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
31 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
32 department may use twelve and one-half percent of this amount for
33 administration of the program established in RCW 43.185C.020, including
34 the costs of creating the statewide (~~homeless housing~~) ending
35 homelessness strategic plan, measuring performance and quality
36 management, including costs associated with the Washington state
37 quality award program, providing technical assistance to local

1 governments, and managing the ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness
2 grant program. The remaining eighty-seven and one-half percent is to
3 be used by the department to:

4 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
5 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
6 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
7 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
8 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

9 (ii) Fund the ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness grant
10 program.

11 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
12 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

13 **Sec. 27.** RCW 36.22.1791 and 2007 c 427 s 5 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

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

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

36 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
37 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The

1 department may use the funds for administering the program established
2 in RCW 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating and updating the
3 statewide (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness strategic plan,
4 measuring performance and quality management, including costs
5 associated with the Washington state quality award program, providing
6 technical assistance to local governments, and managing the (~~homeless~~
7 ~~housing~~) ending homelessness grant program. Remaining funds may also
8 be used to:

9 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
10 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
11 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
12 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
13 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

14 (ii) Fund the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant
15 program.

16 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
17 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

18 **Sec. 28.** RCW 43.185C.170 and 2006 c 349 s 7 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) The interagency council on homelessness, as defined in RCW
21 43.185C.010, shall (~~be convened not later than~~) convene by August 31,
22 2006, and shall meet at least two times each year and report to the
23 appropriate committees of the legislature annually by December 31st on
24 its activities.

25 (2) The interagency council on homelessness shall work to create
26 greater levels of interagency coordination and to coordinate state
27 agency efforts with the efforts of state and local entities addressing
28 homelessness.

29 (3) The interagency council on homelessness must respond to all
30 state and local legislative and policy recommendations included in the
31 state and local ending homelessness plans. The interagency council
32 must annually present its strategy for addressing the issues raised to
33 the appropriate committees of the legislature and must also include a
34 report on the actions taken to date that address these issues.

35 (4) The interagency council shall seek to:

36 (a) Align homeless-related housing and supportive service policies
37 among state agencies;

1 (b) Identify ways in which providing housing with appropriate
2 services can contribute to cost savings for state agencies;

3 (c) Identify policies and actions that may contribute to
4 homelessness or interfere with its reduction;

5 (d) Review and improve strategies for discharge from state
6 institutions that contribute to homelessness;

7 (e) Recommend policies to either improve practices or align
8 resources, or both, including those policies requested by the
9 affordable housing advisory board or through state and local housing
10 plans; and

11 (f) Ensure that the housing status of people served by state
12 programs is collected in consistent formats available for analysis.

13 **Sec. 29.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2006 c 349 s 8 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the department,
16 within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this specific
17 purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client management
18 information system for the ongoing collection and updates of
19 information about all homeless individuals in the state.

20 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington
21 homeless client management information system shall come from the
22 Washington homeless census (~~and~~), from state agencies, and from
23 community organizations providing services to homeless individuals and
24 families. Personally identifying information about homeless
25 individuals for the Washington homeless client management system may
26 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time
27 limited written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
28 information relates. Data collection (~~shall~~) must be done in a
29 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines regarding
30 human research which, at a minimum, require that individuals be
31 informed about the expected duration of their participation, an
32 explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about
33 the data collection and their rights regarding their personal
34 identifying information, an explanation regarding whom to contact in
35 the event of injury to the individual related to the homeless client
36 survey, a description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the

1 homeless individual, and a statement describing the extent to which
2 confidentiality of records identifying the individual will be
3 maintained.

4 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
5 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable
6 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
7 database with available housing and other support services. Local
8 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
9 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
10 homeless persons.

11 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management
12 information system will also provide the department with the
13 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and nature
14 of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to information
15 about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington state among
16 families with children.

17 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and
18 reporting systems and shall:

19 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;

20 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant
21 state agencies, including the department of social and health services,
22 experts, and community organizations involved in the delivery of
23 services to homeless persons; and

24 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state
25 agencies.

26 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this
27 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information
28 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly, using
29 appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

30 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system
31 (~~shall~~) must be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with
32 new homeless client information at least (~~annually~~) twice each year.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 The department shall establish two self-sufficiency income
36 standards based upon the cost of living, including housing costs, which
37 include mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than telephone,

1 for each county in the state. The self-sufficiency income standards
2 must be based upon the costs needed to support: (1) One adult
3 individual; and (2) two adult individuals and one preschool-aged child
4 and one school-aged child. These income standards will be translated
5 into an equivalent hourly wage rate assuming one full-year, full-time
6 earner for the self-sufficiency income standards for each county. By
7 December 31, 2009, the department shall deliver to the appropriate
8 committees of the legislature the self-sufficiency income standards and
9 a report that details the number and percentage of individuals
10 statewide and in each county who do not have a good family wage job
11 and, as a result, earn less than the self-sufficiency income standards,
12 as well as the number and percentage of individuals statewide and in
13 each county who have a good family wage job and, as a result, earn an
14 amount equivalent to or more than the self-sufficiency income
15 standards.

16 **Sec. 31.** RCW 43.185B.030 and 1993 c 478 s 6 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The affordable housing advisory board shall:

19 (1) Analyze those solutions and programs that could begin to
20 address the state's need for housing that is affordable for all
21 economic segments of the state, and special needs populations,
22 including but not limited to programs or proposals which provide for:

23 (a) Financing for the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or
24 construction of housing;

25 (b) Use of publicly owned land and buildings as sites for
26 affordable housing;

27 (c) Coordination of state initiatives with federal initiatives and
28 financing programs that are referenced in the Cranston-Gonzalez
29 national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12701 et seq.), as
30 amended, and development of an approved housing strategy as required in
31 the Cranston-Gonzalez national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
32 12701 et seq.), as amended;

33 (d) Identification and removal, where appropriate and not
34 detrimental to the public health and safety, or environment, of state
35 and local regulatory barriers to the development and placement of
36 affordable housing;

1 (e) Stimulating public and private sector cooperation in the
2 development of affordable housing; and

3 (f) Development of solutions and programs affecting housing,
4 including the equitable geographic distribution of housing for all
5 economic segments, as the advisory board deems necessary;

6 (2) Consider both homeownership and rental housing as viable
7 options for the provision of housing. The advisory board shall give
8 consideration to various types of residential construction and
9 innovative housing options, including but not limited to manufactured
10 housing;

11 (3) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding existing
12 and proposed housing programs and initiatives including but not limited
13 to tax policies, land use policies, and financing programs. The
14 advisory board shall provide recommendations to the director, along
15 with the department's response in the annual housing report to the
16 legislature required in RCW 43.185B.040 (as recodified by this act);
17 and

18 (4) Prepare and submit to the director and to the legislature, by
19 each December 1st, beginning December 1, 1993, a report (~~(detailing~~
20 ~~its~~) that (a) details the board's findings and (b) discusses the
21 measurable relationship between jobs paying less than the self-
22 sufficiency income standard, established under section 30 of this act,
23 and housing affordability, and make specific program, legislative, and
24 funding recommendations and any other recommendations it deems
25 appropriate.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct two
29 performance audits of the ending homelessness program. The first audit
30 must be conducted by December 31, 2011. The second audit must be
31 conducted by December 31, 2015. Each audit must take no longer than
32 six months or one hundred thousand dollars to complete.

33 **Sec. 33.** RCW 43.20A.790 and 1999 c 267 s 2 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The department of social and health services shall collaborate
36 with the department (~~(of community, trade, and economic development)~~)

1 in the development of ~~((the))~~ a coordinated and comprehensive plan for
2 homeless families with children ~~((required under RCW 43.63A.650, which~~
3 ~~designates the department of community, trade, and economic development~~
4 ~~as the state agency with primary responsibility for providing shelter~~
5 ~~and housing services to homeless families with children. In fulfilling~~
6 ~~its responsibilities to collaborate with the department of community,~~
7 ~~trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.63A.650,))~~ that must
8 be integrated into the state ending homelessness strategic plan created
9 in RCW 43.185C.040. The department of social and health services shall
10 develop, administer, supervise, and monitor its portion of the plan~~((-~~
11 ~~The department's portion of the plan shall))~~, which must contain at
12 least the following elements:

- 13 (a) Coordination or linkage of services with shelter and housing;
- 14 (b) Accommodation and addressing the needs of homeless families in
15 the design and administration of department programs;
- 16 (c) Participation of the department's local offices in the
17 identification, assistance, and referral of homeless families; and
- 18 (d) Ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the
19 plan's design and implementation.

20 (2) The department shall include community organizations involved
21 in the delivery of services to homeless families with children, and
22 experts in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan.

23 ~~((3) The duties under this section shall be implemented within~~
24 ~~amounts appropriated for that specific purpose by the legislature in~~
25 ~~the operating and capital budgets.))~~

26 **Sec. 34.** RCW 43.185C.150 and 2005 c 484 s 21 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 This chapter does not require either the department or any local
29 government to expend any funds to accomplish the goals of this chapter
30 other than the revenues authorized in chapter 484, Laws of 2005 and the
31 revenues authorized in RCW 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act).
32 However, neither the department nor any local government may use any
33 funds authorized in chapter 484, Laws of 2005 or the revenues
34 authorized in RCW 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act) to supplant or
35 reduce any existing expenditures of public money for the reduction or
36 prevention of homelessness or services for homeless persons.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** The department of community, trade, and
2 economic development shall contract with the Washington institute for
3 public policy to conduct a study to determine the most effective,
4 accurate, and comprehensive way for counties and the state of
5 Washington to measure and evaluate the societal cost of homelessness.
6 The department shall not spend more than one hundred thousand dollars
7 on the study, and the results of the study must be presented to the
8 appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30, 2010.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** RCW 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.20A.790, and
10 43.63A.650 are each recodified as sections in chapter 43.185C RCW.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 37.** RCW 36.22.178, 43.185A.100, and 43.185B.040
12 are each recodified as sections in chapter 43.--- RCW (created in
13 section 38 of this act).

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 38.** Sections 1 through 4, 6 through 9, and 11
15 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 39.** The code reviser shall alphabetize and
17 renumber the definitions in RCW 43.185C.010.

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