
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1862

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Reams, K. Schmidt, Horn, Hankins and Blanton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to home-matching; and amending RCW 43.63A.670 and
2 43.63A.680.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63A.670 and 1993 c 478 s 18 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that:

7 (a) The trend toward smaller household sizes will continue into the
8 foreseeable future;

9 (b) Many of these households are in housing units that contain more
10 bedrooms than occupants;

11 (c) There are older homeowners on relatively low, fixed income who
12 are experiencing difficulties maintaining their homes; and

13 (d) There are single parents, recently widowed persons, people in
14 the midst of divorce or separation, and handicapped that are faced with
15 displacement due to the high cost of housing.

16 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of RCW 43.63A.680 is
17 to develop a ((pilot)) program designed to:

1 (a) Provide home-matching services that can enable people to
2 continue living in their homes while promoting continuity of home
3 ownership and community stability; ~~((and))~~

4 (b) Counter the problem of displacement among people on relatively
5 low, fixed incomes by linking people offering living space with people
6 seeking housing; and

7 (c) Encourage the development of model home-matching programs that
8 can be replicated at the community level.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.63A.680 and 1993 c 478 s 19 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) The department ~~((may))~~ shall develop and administer a home-
12 matching program for the purpose of providing grants and technical
13 assistance to eligible organizations to operate local home-matching
14 programs. For purposes of this section, "eligible organizations" are
15 those organizations eligible to receive assistance through the
16 Washington housing trust fund, chapter 43.185 RCW.

17 (2) The department may select ~~((up to five))~~ eligible organizations
18 for the purpose of implementing a local home-matching program. The
19 local home-matching programs are designed to facilitate: (a)
20 Intergenerational homesharing involving older homeowners sharing homes
21 with younger persons; (b) homesharing arrangements that involve an
22 exchange of services such as cooking, housework, gardening, or
23 babysitting for room and board or some financial consideration such as
24 rent; and (c) the more efficient use of available housing.

25 (3) In selecting local ~~((pilot))~~ programs for funding under this
26 section, the department shall consider:

27 (a) The eligible organization's ability, stability, and resources
28 to implement the local home-matching program;

29 (b) The eligible organization's efforts to coordinate other support
30 services needed by the individual or family participating in the local
31 home-matching program; and

32 (c) Other factors the department deems appropriate.

33 (4) The eligible organizations shall establish criteria for
34 participation in the local home-matching program. The eligible
35 organization shall make a determination of eligibility regarding the
36 individuals' or families' participation in the local home-matching
37 program. The determination shall include, but is not limited to a

1 verification of the individual's or family's history of making rent
2 payments in a consistent and timely manner.

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