

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2598**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 13, 1998  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1998  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2598** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Radcliff, McDonald, Pennington, Dickerson, Mastin,  
Dunshee, O'Brien, Mulliken, Cole, Conway, Mason, Wood and Ogden

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1            AN ACT Relating to property tax exemptions for nonprofit  
2 organizations; and amending RCW 84.36.043.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.36.043 and 1991 c 198 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The real and personal property used by a nonprofit organization  
7 in providing emergency or transitional housing for low-income homeless  
8 persons as defined in RCW 35.21.685 or 36.32.415 or victims of domestic  
9 violence who are homeless for personal safety reasons is exempt from  
10 taxation if:

11            (a) The charge, if any, for the housing does not exceed the actual  
12 cost of operating and maintaining the housing; and

13            (b)(i) The property is owned by the nonprofit organization; or  
14            (ii) (~~For taxes levied for collection in 1991 through 1999 only,~~)  
15 The property is rented or leased by the nonprofit organization and the  
16 benefit of the exemption inures to the nonprofit organization.

17            (2) As used in this section:

1 (a) "Homeless" means persons, including families, who, on one  
2 particular day or night, do not have decent and safe shelter nor  
3 sufficient funds to purchase or rent a place to stay.

4 (b) "Emergency housing" means a project that provides housing and  
5 supportive services to homeless persons or families for up to sixty  
6 days.

7 (c) "Transitional housing" means a project that provides housing  
8 and supportive services to homeless persons or families for up to two  
9 years and that has as its purpose facilitating the movement of homeless  
10 persons and families into independent living.

11 (3) This exemption is subject to the administrative provisions  
12 contained in RCW 84.36.800 through 84.36.865.

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