
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6337

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By Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, Miloscia, McCoy, Hasegawa, Conway, and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to disposing tax foreclosed property to cities
2 for affordable housing purposes; and amending RCW 36.35.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.35.150 and 2001 c 299 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The county legislative authority may dispose of tax
7 foreclosed property by private negotiation, without a call for bids,
8 for not less than the principal amount of the unpaid taxes in any of
9 the following cases: ~~((1))~~ (a) When the sale is to any governmental
10 agency and for public purposes; ~~((2))~~ (b) when the county
11 legislative authority determines that it is not practical to build on
12 the property due to the physical characteristics of the property or
13 legal restrictions on construction activities on the property;
14 ~~((3))~~ (c) when the property has an assessed value of less than five
15 hundred dollars and the property is sold to an adjoining landowner;
16 or ~~((4))~~ (d) when no acceptable bids were received at the attempted
17 public auction of the property, if the sale is made within twelve
18 months from the date of the attempted public auction.

19 (2) The county legislative authority must give notice to any city
20 in which any tax foreclosed property is located within at least sixty
21 days of acquiring such property, and the county may not dispose of

1 the property at public auction or by private negotiation before
2 giving such notice. The notice must offer the city the opportunity to
3 purchase the property for the original minimum bid under RCW
4 84.64.080, under the following conditions:

5 (a) The city must accept the offer within thirty days of
6 receiving notice, unless the county agrees to extend the offer;

7 (b) The city must provide that the property is suitable and will
8 be used for an affordable housing development as defined in RCW
9 36.130.010; and

10 (c) The city must agree to transfer the property to a local
11 housing authority or other nonprofit entity eligible to receive
12 assistance from the affordable housing program under chapter 43.185A
13 RCW. The city must be reimbursed for the amount it paid to purchase
14 the property from the housing authority or other nonprofit entity.

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