
SENATE BILL 5911

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By Senators Nelson, Saldaña, Lias, and McCoy

1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget
2 stabilization account; adding a new section to chapter 41.50 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 41.45 RCW; adding a new section to
4 chapter 43.330 RCW; making appropriations; and declaring an
5 emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS—**
8 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN 1 FUND**

9 The sum of \$700,000,000 is appropriated from the budget
10 stabilization account on June 30, 2017, and is provided solely for
11 expenditure into the public employees' retirement system plan 1 fund
12 to reduce the unfunded actuarially accrued liability in the public
13 employees' retirement system plan 1. For purposes of RCW
14 43.88.055(4), the appropriation in this section does not suspend the
15 requirements of RCW 43.88.055(1).

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.50
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) A surcharge is established on each employer, as defined in
19 RCW 41.35.010, 41.37.010, or 41.40.010, to reimburse the state
20 general fund for the expected reduction in the unfunded actuarially

1 accrued liability for all employers due to the payment made from the
2 state general fund under section 1 of this act.

3 (2)(a) Beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, the
4 department shall bill each employer a surcharge of 0.40 percent each
5 month.

6 (b) Beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, the
7 department shall bill each employer a surcharge of 0.65 percent each
8 month.

9 (c) Beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023, the
10 department shall bill each employer a surcharge of 0.36 percent each
11 month.

12 (d) Beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30, 2028, the
13 department shall bill each employer a surcharge of 0.03 percent each
14 month.

15 (e) Beginning July 1, 2028, and ending June 30, 2029, the
16 department shall bill each employer a surcharge of 3.50 percent each
17 month.

18 (f) Beginning July 1, 2029, and ending June 30, 2030, the
19 department shall bill each employer a surcharge of 0.74 percent each
20 month. The surcharge rate in this subsection (2)(f) represents one-
21 half of the expected reduction in the unfunded actuarially accrued
22 liability to allow local government employers to benefit from savings
23 that result from the payment made from the state general fund under
24 section 1 of this act.

25 (3) Collections of the surcharge established in this section
26 shall be deposited to the state general fund.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 41.45
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 For the 2019 fiscal year, the pension funding council shall adopt
30 an annual supplemental employer rate that reflects the impact of the
31 state's contribution toward the public employees' retirement system
32 plan's underfunded actuarially accrued liability under section 2 of
33 this act.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 The homeless assistance account is created in the state treasury.
37 Legislative appropriations and transfers from the budget
38 stabilization account may be deposited into the account. Moneys in

1 the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from
2 the account may be used only for housing assistance, support
3 services, and other purposes to address the state's homeless
4 population.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The sum of sixty million dollars, or
6 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
7 ending June 30, 2019, from the budget stabilization account to the
8 homeless assistance account for the purposes set forth in subsection
9 (2) of this section.

10 (2) The sum of sixty million dollars is appropriated for the
11 biennium ending June 30, 2019, from the homeless assistance account
12 to the department of commerce for the purposes set forth in this
13 subsection. This appropriation is subject to the following conditions
14 and limitations: No more than one percent of the funds may be used
15 for administrative purposes; and the funds must be distributed
16 statewide, to sheltering, including emergency shelter and support
17 services, for individuals and families, including assistance to
18 families in the temporary assistance for needy families program, and
19 to the housing and essential needs program.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of one hundred million dollars, or
21 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
22 ending June 30, 2019, from the budget stabilization account to the
23 housing trust fund for the following purposes: Ninety-five million
24 dollars to fund new construction, renovation, or conversion of
25 existing housing stock for permanent supportive housing or other
26 housing options particularly to provide assistance for people who are
27 homeless and those, including families, who are at risk of becoming
28 homeless; and five million dollars to assist in operations and
29 maintenance costs for affordable and supportive housing.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
32 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
33 effect immediately.

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