

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1739

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Yeas 39 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1739** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State
State of Washington

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By House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Leonard, Mitchell, Nelson, Winsley, Franklin, Locke, May, R. Johnson, Wineberry and Miller).

Read first time February 18, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to a property tax exemption for nonprofit
2 organizations that house low-income homeless persons; and amending RCW
3 84.36.043.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.36.043 and 1990 c 283 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

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

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

15 (b)(i) The property is owned by the nonprofit organization; or

1 (ii) For taxes levied for collection in 1991 through 1999 only, the
2 property is rented or leased by the nonprofit organization and the
3 benefit of the exemption inures to the nonprofit organization.

4 (2) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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