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1 AN ACT Relating to assistance for aerospace workers; amending RCW  
2 43.63A.600 and 43.21J.010; adding a new section to chapter 50.12 RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 50.12 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Any office of the employment security department located in a  
8 county that has at least one thousand aerospace workers shall be  
9 staffed at a level consistent with providing the services necessary for  
10 prompt processing of claims for unemployment compensation, job  
11 counseling, and related services. The level of staffing shall be in  
12 accordance with predetermined job counselor to claimant norms.

13 (2) For the purposes of this section, "aerospace worker" means any  
14 employee of a company in which a minimum of twenty-five percent of the  
15 business involves aerospace, defense industry, or aviation-related  
16 products.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.63A.600 and 1994 c 114 s 1 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

1 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development,  
2 as a member of the agency timber task force and in consultation with  
3 the economic recovery coordination board, shall establish and  
4 administer the emergency mortgage and rental assistance program. The  
5 department shall identify the communities most adversely affected by:  
6 (a) Reductions in timber harvest levels; and (b) unemployment in the  
7 aerospace industry, and shall prioritize assistance under this program  
8 to these communities. The department shall work with the department of  
9 social and health services and the timber recovery coordinator to  
10 develop the program in timber impact areas. Organizations eligible to  
11 receive grant funds for distribution under the program are those  
12 organizations that are eligible to receive assistance through the  
13 Washington housing trust fund. The department shall disburse the funds  
14 to eligible local organizations as grants. The local organizations  
15 shall use the funds to make grants or loans as specified in RCW  
16 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640. If funds are disbursed as loans, the  
17 local organization shall establish a revolving grant and loan fund with  
18 funds received as loan repayments and shall continue to make grants or  
19 loans or both grants and loans from funds received as loan repayments  
20 to dislocated forest products workers or unemployed aerospace workers  
21 eligible under the provisions of RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640 and  
22 to other persons residing in timber impact areas who meet the  
23 requirements of RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640.

24 (2) The goals of the program are to:

25 (a) Provide temporary emergency mortgage loans or rental assistance  
26 grants or loans on behalf of dislocated: (i) Forest products workers  
27 in timber impact areas; and (ii) aerospace workers in aerospace impact  
28 areas, who are unable to make mortgage, property tax, or rental  
29 payments on their permanent residences and are subject to immediate  
30 eviction for nonpayment of mortgage installments, property taxes, or  
31 nonpayment of rent;

32 (b) Prevent the dislocation of individuals and families from their  
33 permanent residences and their communities; and

34 (c) Maintain economic and social stability in timber impact areas.

35 (3) For purposes of this section:

36 (a) "Aerospace impact area" means a city, town, or unincorporated  
37 area that is affected by significant aerospace worker job losses.

1        (b) "Aerospace worker" means any employee of a business in which a  
2 minimum of twenty-five percent of the business involves aerospace,  
3 defense industry, or aviation-related products.

4        NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6        (1) The department shall help families and workers in aerospace  
7 impact areas make the transition through economic difficulties and  
8 shall provide services to assist workers to gain marketable skills.  
9 The department, under an interagency agreement with the department of  
10 community, trade, and economic development, if appropriate, shall  
11 provide grants through the office of the secretary for local family  
12 support centers in aerospace impact areas to provide services to  
13 unemployed aerospace workers, including providing direct or referral  
14 services, establishing and operating service delivery programs, and  
15 coordinating delivery programs and delivery of services.

16        (2) Services provided through local family support centers are  
17 intended to support dislocated aerospace workers and their families and  
18 may include, but need not be limited to:

19        (a) General services such as: Credit counseling; social services  
20 including marital counseling; psychotherapy or psychological  
21 counseling; mortgage foreclosure and utilities problem counseling; drug  
22 and alcohol abuse services; medical services; and residential heating  
23 and food acquisition; and

24        (b) Family services such as: Parenting education; child  
25 development assessments; health and nutrition education; counseling;  
26 and information and referral services.

27        (3)(a) Grants to establish and operate local family support centers  
28 shall be awarded to community social services teams consisting of  
29 nonprofit organizations, state agencies, or both. Before the  
30 department makes a grant to establish a local family support center,  
31 the grantee must obtain an agreement with the community where the  
32 center is to be located that the community will provide twenty-five  
33 percent of the costs of operating the center.

34        (b) The department shall consult with the council on child abuse or  
35 neglect regarding grants for family support centers.

36        (4) For the purposes of this section:

37        (a) "Aerospace impact area" means a city, town, or unincorporated  
38 area that is affected by significant aerospace worker job losses.

1 (b) "Aerospace worker" means any employee of a business in which a  
2 minimum of twenty-five percent of the business involves aerospace,  
3 defense industry, or aviation-related products.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.21J.010 and 1993 c 516 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of this chapter to provide financial resources  
7 to make substantial progress toward: (a) Implementing the Puget Sound  
8 water quality management plan and other watershed-based management  
9 strategies and plans; (b) ameliorating degradation to watersheds; and  
10 (c) keeping and creating stable, environmentally sound, good wage  
11 employment in Washington state. The legislature intends that  
12 employment under this chapter is not to result in the displacement or  
13 partial displacement, whether by the reduction of hours of nonovertime  
14 work, wages, or other employment benefits, of currently employed  
15 workers, including but not limited to state civil service employees, or  
16 of currently or normally contracted services.

17 (2) It is the purpose of this chapter to:

18 (a) Implement clean water, forest, and habitat restoration projects  
19 that will produce measurable improvements in water and habitat quality,  
20 that rate highly when existing environmental ranking systems are  
21 applied, and that provide economic stability.

22 (b) Facilitate the coordination and consistency of federal, state,  
23 tribal, local, and private water and habitat protection and enhancement  
24 programs in the state's watersheds.

25 (c) Fund necessary projects for which a public planning process has  
26 been completed.

27 (d) Provide immediate funding to create jobs and training for  
28 environmental restoration and enhancement jobs for unemployed workers  
29 and displaced workers in impact areas, especially timber-dependent  
30 communities.

31 (3) For purposes of this chapter "impact areas" means: (a)  
32 Distressed counties as defined in RCW 43.165.010(3)(a); (b) subcounty  
33 areas in those counties not covered under (a) of this subsection that  
34 are timber impact areas as defined in RCW 43.31.601; (c) urban  
35 subcounty areas as defined in RCW 43.165.010(3)(c); ~~((and))~~ (d)  
36 aerospace impact areas; and (e) areas that the task force determines  
37 are likely to experience dislocations in the near future from downturns  
38 in natural resource-based industries.

1 (4) For purposes of this chapter, "high-risk youth" means youth  
2 eligible for Washington conservation corps programs under chapter  
3 43.220 RCW or Washington service corps programs under chapter 50.65  
4 RCW.

5 (5) For purposes of this chapter, "dislocated forest products  
6 worker" has the meaning set forth in RCW 50.70.010.

7 (6) For purposes of this chapter, "task force" means the  
8 environmental enhancement and job creation task force created under RCW  
9 43.21J.030.

10 (7) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) "Aerospace impact area" means a city, town, or unincorporated  
12 area that is affected by significant aerospace worker job losses.

13 (b) "Aerospace worker" means any employee of a business in which a  
14 minimum of twenty-five percent of the business involves aerospace,  
15 defense industry, or aviation-related products.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
17 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
18 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the  
19 department of community, trade, and economic development for the  
20 purposes of the emergency mortgage and rental assistance program for  
21 aerospace workers under section 2 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The sum of seven hundred fifty thousand  
23 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
24 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the  
25 department of social and health services for the purposes of grants for  
26 services to aerospace workers under section 3 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The sum of one million dollars, or as much  
28 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
29 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the department of natural  
30 resources for the purposes of environmental restoration projects to  
31 aerospace workers under section 4 of this act.

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