

ESHB 1109 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-3636.2/19) 490  
By Senator Zeiger

NOT ADOPTED 04/04/2019

1 On page 25, line 14, increase the general fund—state  
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2020 by \$1,500,000

3 On page 25, line 15, increase the general fund—state  
4 appropriation for fiscal year 2021 by \$1,500,000

5 On page 26, line 7, correct the total

6 On page 35, after line 15, insert the following:

7 "(54) \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
8 fiscal year 2020 and \$1,500,000 of the general fund—state  
9 appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for a pilot  
10 program for counties to provide diversion services to persons and  
11 families at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness. The pilot  
12 program must include the three most populous counties in the state.

13 (a) Each county's program should prioritize providing diversion  
14 services for those families and individuals who (i) are at  
15 substantial risk of losing stable housing or (ii) became recently  
16 homeless and are determined to have a high probability of returning  
17 to stable housing.

18 (b) By December 1, 2021, the counties selected to participate in  
19 the pilot program must report to the department the number of persons  
20 assisted during the pilot program, the number of such persons  
21 maintaining or returning to stable housing overall, and the number of  
22 such persons maintaining or returning to stable housing within thirty  
23 days of receiving diversion services. By July 1, 2021, the department  
24 must report to the legislature the statistics provided by the  
25 counties and any best practices for providing services to those  
26 persons and families described under (a) of this subsection, and  
27 provide any legislative recommendations.

28 (c) For purposes of this subsection:

29 (i) "Diversion services" means the employment of at least one  
30 diversion specialist to assist persons and families as described in  
31 (a) of this subsection find housing options using their own available

1 resources and, if none exist, providing such persons and families  
2 with short-term services or one-time financial assistance, or both.

3 (ii) "Substantial risk" means the person or family has provided  
4 documentation that they will lose their housing within the next  
5 thirty days or that services will be discontinued within the next  
6 thirty days."

EFFECT: Creates a pilot program for the three largest counties to provide diversion services to persons and families at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT (2019-2021): \$3,000,000 Near General Fund—State/  
\$3,000,000 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EFFECT: \$3,000,000 Near General Fund—State

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