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1 On page 13, after line 16, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 1005. 2019 c 413 s 1038 (uncodified) is amended to read as 3 follows:

4 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

5 2019-21 Weatherization (40000048)

6 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following 7 conditions and limitations:

(1) \$5,000,000 is provided solely for grants for the Washington 8 9 State University energy extension community energy efficiency program 10 (CEEP) to support homeowners, tenants, and small business owners in making sound energy efficiency investments by providing consumer 11 12 education and marketing, workforce support via training and lead 13 generation, and direct consumer incentives for upgrades to existing 14 homes and small commercial buildings; this is the maximum amount the 15 department may expend for this purpose.

16 (2) \$100,000 is provided solely to the department for a study 17 regarding both available and needed owner-occupied repairs among lowincome homeowners, ranging in incomes from zero to eighty percent of 18 19 the area median income. The study must seek to determine the 20 potential population in need of subsidized owner-occupied repairs 21 that will allow low-income homeowners to live in a healthy and safe 22 home, allow veterans and those with disabilities and their families make accessibility modifications, prevent foreclosures or 23 24 homelessness of those on fixed incomes or who cannot maintain their homes adequately, and support positive modifications to support aging 25 in place of senior citizens. The study must seek to document the gaps 2.6 27 in funding to serve these needs, other related programs focusing on weatherization and energy efficiency whose outcomes would be 28 29 increased when paired with critical home repairs, and opportunities 30 for collaboration between programs across the state. The study must 31 seek to document the most common needs for owner-occupied repairs 32 outside of weatherization and energy efficiency, approximate costs,

1 and homeowners' ability to pay on a sliding scale based on income. The study must seek to identify the potential for owner-occupied 2 3 repair programs to serve as a homelessness prevention strategy by determining the role it plays in the path to homelessness or housing 4 instability. The department must provide a preliminary update to the 5 6 legislature by December 1, 2020, along with any recommendations for future legislative action, and must submit the study to the 7 legislature by September 30, 2021. 8 9 Appropriation: 10 State Building Construction Account—State. . . . ((\$20,000,000)) 11 \$20,100,000 12 Prior Biennia (Expenditures)..... \$0 13 Future Biennia (Projected Costs)....\$100,000,000 14 15 \$120,100,000"

16 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any 17 internal references accordingly.

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18 On page 110, line 6, after "1035," insert "1038,"

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