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**ESSB 5092** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-1459.2/21) **513**

By Representative Barkis

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 On page 20, line 34, increase the general fund-state appropriation for FY 2022 by $7,500,000

 On page 20, line 35, increase the general fund-state appropriation for FY 2023 by $7,500,000

 On page 22, line 2, correct the total.

 On page 58, after line 21, insert the following:

 "(111) (a) $7,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and $7,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for grants to cities and counties to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless encampment sites located on the public right-of-way and other public property. Of the amounts provided in this subsection:

 (i) $2,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and $2,500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for grants to cities and counties to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless encampment sites located on the public right-of-way. Grants may be used for costs to provide services to homeless individuals, including connecting them to housing alternatives; costs to collect and dispose of garbage; costs to clear debris or hazardous material; and other costs to help prevent future encampments from forming on the public right-of-way.

 (ii) $5,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and $5,000,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for grants to cities and counties to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless encampment sites on public property. Grants may be used for costs to provide services to homeless individuals, including connecting them to housing alternatives; costs to collect and dispose of garbage; costs to clear debris or hazardous material; and other costs to mitigate damages and help prevent future encampments from forming on public property.

 (b) In distributing grants under (a) of this subsection, the department must prioritize funding for grant proposals that would address the greatest environmental hazards.

 (c) The department may establish rules to carry out the grant program authorized in this subsection.

 (d) Cities and counties receiving grants under (a) of this subsection must report to the department by May 1, 2022, and May 1, 2023, on the number of homeless individuals that were relocated from homeless encampment sites and the housing status and location of those individuals.

 (e) By June 1, 2022, and June 1, 2023, the department must report to the legislature on the use of grant funds by cities and counties, including but not limited to the number and location of encampment sites addressed, the number of homeless individuals that were relocated from homeless encampment sites, and the housing status and location of those individuals.

 (f) For the purposes of this subsection, "public property" means any street, alley, sidewalk, parking space, pedestrian or transit mall, bike path, greenway, or any other structure or area encompassed within the public right-of-way; any park, parkway, mountain park, or other recreation facility; or any other grounds, buildings, fixtures, or other facilities owned or leased by the state or by any other public owner, regardless of whether such public property is vacant or occupied and actively used for any public purpose."

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|  |  EFFECT:   Increases the General Fund-State appropriation for the Department of Commerce by $15.0 million to implement a grant program for cities and counties for costs to address the safety and public health risks associated with homeless encampment sites located on the public right-of-way and other public property. FISCAL IMPACT: Increases General Fund - State by $15,000,000. |

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