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1 AN ACT Relating to senior volunteers; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.63A RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date;
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a
6 growing number of citizens in the state over the age of sixty who have
7 much to offer their fellow citizens and communities through volunteer
8 service. The legislature further finds that public programs for
9 education, at-risk youth, adult literacy, and combating drug abuse have
10 benefited from and are still in need of the assistance of skilled
11 retired senior volunteer programs volunteers. In addition the
12 legislature further finds that public programs for developmentally
13 disabled, environmental protection, corrections, crime prevention,
14 mental health, long-term and respite care, and housing and homeless,

1 among others, are also in need of volunteer assistance from the retired
2 senior volunteer program.

3 Therefore, the legislature intends to encourage the increased
4 involvement of senior volunteers by providing funding throughout
5 Washington to promote the development and enhancement of such programs.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) Each biennium the department of community development shall
9 distribute such funds as are appropriated for retired senior volunteer
10 programs (RSVP) as follows:

11 (a) At least sixty-five percent of the moneys may be distributed
12 according to formulae and criteria to be determined by the department
13 of community development in consultation with the RSVP directors
14 association.

15 (b) Up to twenty percent of the moneys may be distributed by
16 competitive grant process to develop RSVP projects in counties not
17 presently being served, or to expand existing RSVP services into
18 counties not presently served.

19 (c) Ten percent of the moneys may be used by the department of
20 community development for administration, monitoring of the grants, and
21 providing technical assistance to the RSVP projects.

22 (d) Up to five percent of the moneys may be used to support
23 projects that will benefit RSVPs state-wide.

24 (2) Grants under subsection (1) of this section shall give priority
25 to programs in the areas of education, tutoring, English as a second
26 language, combating of and education on drug abuse, housing and
27 homeless, and respite care, and shall be distributed in accordance with
28 the following:

1 (a) None of the grant moneys may be used to displace any paid
2 employee in the area being served.

3 (b) Grants shall be made for programs that focus on:

4 (i) Developing new roles for senior volunteers in nonprofit and
5 public organizations with special emphasis on areas targeted in section
6 1 of this act. The roles shall reflect the diversity of the local
7 senior population and shall respect their life experiences;

8 (ii) Increasing the expertise of volunteer managers and RSVP
9 managers in the areas of communication, recruitment, motivation, and
10 retention of today's over-sixty population;

11 (iii) Increasing the number of senior citizens recruited, referred,
12 and placed with nonprofit and public organizations; and

13 (iv) Providing volunteer support such as: Mileage to and from the
14 volunteer assignment, recognition, and volunteer insurance.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of community development
16 may immediately take such steps as are necessary to ensure that this
17 act is implemented promptly.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall
19 take effect July 1, 1992.

20 (2) Section 3 of this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
23 effect immediately.