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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5669**

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HOUSING TRUST FUND--PRIORITY FOR PROJECTS SUBMITTED  
BY REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORKS

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**President of the Senate**

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JOE KING  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 20, 1991

BOOTH GARDNER  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5669** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB  
**Secretary**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Niemi and West).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

1            AN ACT Relating to housing trust fund priorities for projects  
2 submitted by regional support networks; and amending RCW 43.185.060,  
3 43.185.070, and 71.24.300.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185.060 and 1986 c 298 s 7 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            Organizations that may receive assistance from the department under  
8 this chapter are local governments, local housing authorities, regional  
9 support networks established under chapter 71.24 RCW, nonprofit  
10 community or neighborhood-based organizations, and regional or state-  
11 wide nonprofit housing assistance organizations.

12            **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185.070 and 1988 c 286 s 1 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

1 (1) During each calendar year in which funds are available for use  
2 by the department from the housing trust fund, as prescribed in RCW  
3 43.185.030, the department shall announce to all known interested  
4 parties, and through major media throughout the state, a grant and loan  
5 application period of at least ninety days' duration. This  
6 announcement shall be made as often as the director deems appropriate  
7 for proper utilization of resources, but at least twice annually. The  
8 department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will  
9 utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of the  
10 department(~~(, not to)~~). Administrative costs paid out of the housing  
11 trust fund may not exceed ((thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars  
12 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, and seventy-five thousand  
13 dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, and not to exceed))  
14 five percent of annual revenues ((to the fund thereafter)) available  
15 for distribution to housing trust fund projects. In awarding funds  
16 under this chapter, the department shall provide for a geographic  
17 distribution on a state-wide basis.

18 (2) The department shall give first priority to applications for  
19 projects and activities which utilize existing privately owned housing  
20 stock including privately owned housing stock purchased by nonprofit  
21 public development authorities. Such projects and activities shall be  
22 evaluated under subsection (3) of this section. Second priority shall  
23 be given to activities and projects which utilize existing publicly  
24 owned housing stock. Such projects and activities shall be evaluated  
25 under subsection (3) of this section.

26 (3) The department shall give preference for applications based on  
27 some or all of the ((following)) criteria under this subsection, and  
28 similar projects and activities shall be evaluated under the same  
29 criteria:

30 (a) The degree of leveraging of other funds that will occur;

1        (b) The degree of commitment from programs to provide necessary  
2 habilitation and support services for projects focusing on special  
3 needs populations;

4        (c) Recipient contributions to total project costs, including  
5 allied contributions from other sources such as professional, craft and  
6 trade services, and lender interest rate subsidies;

7        ~~((e))~~ (d) Local government project contributions in the form of  
8 infrastructure improvements, and others;

9        ~~((d))~~ (e) Projects that encourage ownership, management, and  
10 other project-related responsibility opportunities;

11        ~~((e))~~ (f) Projects that demonstrate a strong probability of  
12 serving the original target group or income level for a period of at  
13 least ~~((fifteen))~~ twenty-five years;

14        ~~((f))~~ (g) The applicant has the demonstrated ability, stability  
15 and resources to implement the project;

16        ~~((g))~~ (h) Projects which demonstrate serving the greatest need;  
17 ~~((and~~

18 ~~(h))~~ (i) Projects that provide housing for persons and families  
19 with the lowest incomes;

20        (j) Projects serving special needs populations which are under  
21 statutory mandate to develop community housing;

22        (k) Project location and access to employment centers in the region  
23 or area; and

24        (l) Project location and access to available public transportation  
25 services.

26        (4) The department shall only approve applications for projects for  
27 mentally ill persons that are consistent with a regional support  
28 network six-year capital and operating plan.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 71.24.300 and 1989 c 205 s 5 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       A county authority or a group of county authorities whose combined  
4 population is no less than forty thousand may enter into a joint  
5 operating agreement to form a regional support network. The roles and  
6 responsibilities of county authorities shall be determined by the terms  
7 of that agreement and the provisions of law. The state mental health  
8 authority may not determine the roles and responsibilities of county  
9 authorities as to each other under regional support networks by rule,  
10 except to assure that all duties required of regional support networks  
11 are assigned and that a single authority has final responsibility for  
12 all available resources and performance under the regional support  
13 network's contract with the secretary.

14       (1) Regional support networks shall within three months of  
15 recognition submit an overall six-year operating and capital plan,  
16 timeline, and budget and submit progress reports and an updated two-  
17 year plan biennially thereafter, to assume within available resources  
18 all of the following duties by July 1, 1995, instead of those presently  
19 assigned to counties under RCW 71.24.045(1):

20       (a) Administer and provide for the availability of all resource  
21 management services, residential services, and community support  
22 services.

23       (b) Administer and provide for the availability of all  
24 investigation, transportation, court-related, and other services  
25 provided by the state or counties pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW.

26       (c) By July 1, 1993, provide within the boundaries of each regional  
27 support network evaluation and treatment services for at least eighty-  
28 five percent of persons detained or committed for periods up to  
29 seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW. Regional support  
30 networks with populations of less than one hundred fifty thousand may

1 contract to purchase evaluation and treatment services from other  
2 networks. For regional support networks that are created after June  
3 30, 1991, the requirements of (c) of this subsection must be met by  
4 July 1, 1995.

5 (d) By July 1, 1993, administer a portion of funds appropriated by  
6 the legislature to house mentally ill persons in state institutions  
7 from counties within the boundaries of any regional support network,  
8 with the exception of mentally ill offenders, and provide for the care  
9 of all persons needing evaluation and treatment services for periods up  
10 to seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW in appropriate  
11 residential services, which may include state institutions. The  
12 regional support networks shall reimburse the state for use of state  
13 institutions at a rate equal to that assumed by the legislature when  
14 appropriating funds for such care at state institutions during the  
15 biennium when reimbursement occurs. The duty of a state hospital to  
16 accept persons for evaluation and treatment under chapter 71.05 RCW is  
17 limited by the responsibilities assigned to regional support networks  
18 under this section. For regional support networks that are created  
19 after June 30, 1991, the requirements of (d) of this subsection must be  
20 met by July 1, 1995.

21 (e) Administer and provide for the availability of all other mental  
22 health services, which shall include patient counseling, day treatment,  
23 consultation, education services, and mental health services to  
24 children as provided in this chapter.

25 (f) Establish standards and procedures for reviewing individual  
26 service plans and determining when that person may be discharged from  
27 resource management services.

28 (2) Regional support networks shall assume all duties assigned to  
29 county authorities by this chapter and chapter 71.05 RCW.

1 (3) A regional support network may request that any state-owned  
2 land, building, facility, or other capital asset which was ever  
3 purchased, deeded, given, or placed in trust for the care of the  
4 mentally ill and which is within the boundaries of a regional support  
5 network be made available to support the operations of the regional  
6 support network. State agencies managing such capital assets shall  
7 give first priority to requests for their use pursuant to this chapter.

8 (4) Each regional support network shall appoint a mental health  
9 advisory board which shall review and provide comments on plans and  
10 policies developed under this chapter. The composition of the board  
11 shall be broadly representative of the demographic character of the  
12 region and the mentally ill persons served therein. Length of terms of  
13 board members shall be determined by the regional support network.

14 (5) Regional support networks shall assume all duties specified in  
15 their plans and joint operating agreements through biennial contractual  
16 agreements with the secretary.

17 (6) Counties or groups of counties participating in a regional  
18 support network are not subject to RCW 71.24.045(7). The office of  
19 financial management shall consider information gathered in studies  
20 required in this chapter and information about the experience of other  
21 states to propose a mental health services administrative cost lid to  
22 the 1991 legislature which shall include administrative costs of  
23 licensed service providers, the state psychiatric hospitals and the  
24 department.

25 (7) The first regional support network contract may include a pilot  
26 project to: Establish standards and procedures for (a) making  
27 referrals for comprehensive medical examinations and treatment programs  
28 for those whose mental illness is caused or exacerbated by organic  
29 disease, and (b) training staff in recognizing the relationship between  
30 mental illness and organic disease.



1       (8) Regional support networks may receive technical assistance from  
2 the housing trust fund and may identify and submit projects for housing  
3 and housing support services to the housing trust fund established  
4 under chapter 43.185 RCW. Projects identified or submitted under this  
5 subsection must be fully integrated with the regional support network  
6 six-year operating and capital plan, timeline, and budget required by  
7 subsection (1) of this section.

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