

2 **HB 2275** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development

4 ADOPTED 3/3/94

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63A.600 and 1993 c 280 s 77 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development,
10 as a member of the agency timber task force and in consultation with
11 the economic recovery coordination board, shall establish and
12 administer the emergency mortgage and rental assistance program. The
13 department shall identify the communities most adversely affected by
14 reductions in timber harvest levels and shall prioritize assistance
15 under this program to these communities. The department shall work
16 with the department of social and health services and the timber
17 recovery coordinator to develop the program in timber impact areas.
18 Organizations eligible to receive grant funds for distribution under
19 the program are those organizations that are eligible to receive
20 assistance through the Washington housing trust fund. The department
21 shall disburse the funds to eligible local organizations as grants.
22 The local organizations shall use the funds to make grants or loans as
23 specified in RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640. If funds are disbursed
24 as loans, the local organization shall establish a revolving grant and
25 loan fund with funds received as loan repayments and shall continue to
26 make grants or loans or both grants and loans from funds received as
27 loan repayments to dislocated forest products workers eligible under
28 the provisions of RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640 and to other
29 persons residing in timber impact areas who meet the requirements of
30 RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640.

31 (2) The goals of the program are to:

32 (a) Provide temporary emergency mortgage loans or rental assistance
33 grants or loans on behalf of dislocated forest products workers in
34 timber impact areas who are unable to make ((~~current~~)) mortgage,
35 property tax, or rental payments on their permanent residences and are

1 subject to immediate eviction for nonpayment of mortgage installments,
2 property taxes, or nonpayment of rent;

3 (b) Prevent the dislocation of individuals and families from their
4 permanent residences and their communities; and

5 (c) Maintain economic and social stability in timber impact areas.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.63A.610 and 1991 c 315 s 24 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Emergency mortgage assistance shall be provided under the following
9 general guidelines:

10 (1) Loans provided under the program shall not exceed an amount
11 equal to twenty-four months of mortgage payments.

12 (2) The maximum loan amount allowed under the program shall not
13 exceed twenty thousand dollars.

14 (3) Loans shall be made to applicants who meet specific income
15 guidelines established by the department.

16 (4) Loan payments shall be made directly to the mortgage lender.

17 (5) Loans shall be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

18 (6) Repayment of loans provided under the program shall be made to
19 eligible local organizations, and must not take more than twenty years.
20 Funds repaid to the program shall be used as grants or loans under the
21 provisions of RCW 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640.

22 (~~(7) The department may provide for emergency short-term loans.~~)

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.63A.620 and 1991 c 315 s 25 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Emergency rental assistance shall be provided under the following
26 general guidelines:

27 (1) Rental assistance provided under the program may be in the form
28 of loans or grants and shall not exceed an amount equal to twenty-four
29 months of (~~mortgage~~) rental payments.

30 (2) Rental assistance shall be made to applicants who meet specific
31 income guidelines established by the department.

32 (3) Rental payments shall be made directly to the landlord.

33 (4) Rental assistance shall be granted on a first-come, first-
34 served basis.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.63A.630 and 1991 c 315 s 26 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 To be eligible for assistance under the program, an applicant must:

2 (1) Be unable to keep mortgage or rental payments current, due to
3 a loss of employment, and shall be at significant risk of eviction;

4 (2) Have his or her permanent residence located in an eligible
5 community;

6 (3) If requesting emergency mortgage assistance, be the owner of an
7 equitable interest in the permanent residence and intend to reside in
8 the home being financed;

9 (4) Be actively seeking new employment or be enrolled in a training
10 program approved by the director; and

11 (5) Submit an application for assistance to an organization
12 eligible to receive funds under RCW 43.63A.600 (~~by June 30, 1996~~).

13 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.63A.640 and 1991 c 315 s 27 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The department shall carry out the following duties:

16 (1) Administer the program;

17 (2) Identify organizations eligible to receive funds to implement
18 the program;

19 (3) Develop and adopt the necessary rules and procedures for
20 implementation of the program and for dispersal of program funds to
21 eligible organizations;

22 (4) Establish the interest rate for repayment of loans at two
23 percent below the market rate;

24 (5) Work with lending institutions and social service providers in
25 the eligible communities to assure that all eligible persons are
26 informed about the program;

27 (6) Utilize federal and state programs that complement or
28 facilitate carrying out the program;

29 (~~Submit a report to the senate commerce and labor committee
30 and the house of representatives housing committee by January 31,
31 1992~~) Ensure that local eligible organizations that dissolve or
32 become ineligible assign their program funds, rights to loan
33 repayments, and loan security instruments, to the government of the
34 county in which the local organization is located. If the county
35 government accepts the program assets described in this subsection, it
36 shall act as a local eligible organization under the provisions of RCW
37 43.63A.600 through 43.63A.640. If the county government declines to
38 participate, the program assets shall revert to the department.

