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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1136**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Reams, Wineberry, Leonard, Brough, Sommers, Forner, Ludwig, Wolfe, Springer, Chandler, Shin, Silver, Mielke, Ballard, Karahalios, Foreman, Miller, Brumsickle, Vance, Thibaudeau, Horn, Wood, Quall, Kremen, Morton, Talcott, Tate, Cooke and Ogden)

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1 AN ACT Relating to home matching; adding new sections to chapter  
2 43.63A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that:

7 (a) The trend toward smaller household sizes will continue into the  
8 foreseeable future;

9 (b) Many of these households are in housing units that contain more  
10 bedrooms than occupants;

11 (c) There are older homeowners on relatively low, fixed income who  
12 are experiencing difficulties maintaining their homes; and

13 (d) There are single parents, recently widowed persons, people in  
14 the midst of divorce or separation, and handicapped that are faced with  
15 displacement due to the high cost of housing.

16 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of sections 2 and 3  
17 of this act is to develop a pilot program designed to:

1 (a) Provide home-matching services that can enable people to  
2 continue living in their homes while promoting continuity of home  
3 ownership and community stability; and

4 (b) Counter the problem of displacement among people on relatively  
5 low, fixed incomes by linking people offering living space with people  
6 seeking housing.

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

9 (1) The department shall develop and administer a home-matching  
10 program for the purpose of providing grants and technical assistance to  
11 eligible organizations to operate local home-matching programs. For  
12 purposes of this section, "eligible organizations" are those  
13 organizations eligible to receive assistance through the Washington  
14 housing trust fund, chapter 43.185 RCW.

15 (2) The department shall select up to five eligible organizations  
16 for the purpose of implementing a local home-matching program. The  
17 local home-matching programs are designed to facilitate: (a)  
18 Intergenerational homesharing involving older homeowners sharing homes  
19 with younger persons; (b) homesharing arrangements that involve an  
20 exchange of services such as cooking, housework, gardening, or  
21 babysitting for room and board or some financial consideration such as  
22 rent; and (c) the more efficient use of available housing.

23 (3) In selecting local pilot programs under this section, the  
24 department shall consider:

25 (a) The eligible organization's ability, stability, and resources  
26 to implement the local home-matching program;

27 (b) The eligible organization's efforts to coordinate other support  
28 services needed by the individual or family participating in the local  
29 home-matching program; and

30 (c) Other factors the department deems appropriate.

31 (4) The eligible organizations shall establish criteria for  
32 participation in the local home-matching program. The eligible  
33 organization shall make a determination of eligibility regarding the  
34 individuals' or families' participation in the local home-matching  
35 program. The determination shall include, but is not limited to a  
36 verification of the individual's or family's history of making rent  
37 payments in a consistent and timely manner.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.63A RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The director shall report, by January 1, 1995, to the governor and  
4 the legislature a summary of the progress and status of the home-  
5 matching program. The summary shall include but need not be limited to  
6 the results of the selected local home-matching pilot programs, the  
7 number of persons served, and recommendations for improving the  
8 program.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    If any provision of this act or its  
10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
12 persons or circumstances is not affected.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    If specific funding for this act,  
14 referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30, 1993,  
15 in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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