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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3234

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2006 Regular Session

By House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Hunt, Darneille, Chase, Holmquist, Santos and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to homeless tent encampments; and adding a new
- 2 section to chapter 43.185C RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C 5 RCW to read as follows:
- Due to concerns about maintaining freedom of religious expression,
- 7 faith communities shall not be restricted from hosting temporary
- 8 encampments for the homeless. A temporary encampment may be subject to
- 9 reasonable compliance requirements related to public health and safety.
- 10 However, no county, city, or town shall set less than ninety days as
- 11 the maximum duration for homeless encampments.

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