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By Senators Fairley, Berkey, Parlette and Hewitt; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing reimbursement limits under the mobile  
2 home relocation assistance act to be set by rule; and amending RCW  
3 59.21.021.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 59.21.021 and 2002 c 257 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) If a mobile home park is closed or converted to another use  
8 after December 31, 1995, eligible tenants shall be entitled to  
9 assistance on a first-come, first-serve basis. The department shall  
10 give priority for distribution of relocation assistance to tenants  
11 residing in parks that are closed as a result of park-owner fraud or as  
12 a result of health and safety concerns as determined by the local board  
13 of health. Payments shall be made upon the department's verification  
14 of eligibility, subject to the availability of remaining funds.  
15 Eligibility for relocation assistance funds is limited to low-income  
16 households. As used in this section, "low-income household" means a  
17 single person, family, or unrelated persons living together whose  
18 adjusted income is less than eighty percent of the median family

1 income, adjusted for household size, for the county where the mobile or  
2 manufactured home is located.

3 (2) Assistance for closures occurring after December 31, 1995, is  
4 limited to persons who maintain ownership of and relocate their mobile  
5 home or who dispose of a home not relocatable to a new site.

6 (3) Persons who removed and disposed of their mobile home or  
7 maintained ownership of and relocated their mobile homes are entitled  
8 to reimbursement of actual relocation expenses (~~(up to seven thousand  
9 dollars for a double wide home and up to three thousand five hundred  
10 dollars for a single wide home)~~) as provided by rules adopted by the  
11 department.

12 (4) Any individual or organization may apply to receive funds from  
13 the mobile home park relocation fund, for use in combination with funds  
14 from public or private sources, toward relocation of tenants eligible  
15 under this section. Funds received from the mobile home park  
16 relocation fund shall only be used for relocation assistance expenses  
17 or other mobile/manufactured home ownership expenses, that include down  
18 payment assistance, if the owners are not planning to relocate their  
19 mobile home as long as their original home is removed from the park.

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