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CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5767** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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By Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Haugen, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Franklin, Shin, Berkey and Hargrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing plans to address the housing needs of
2 homeless persons; and adding a new section to chapter 43.-- RCW.

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.-- RCW
5 (created in HB 2163, as amended) to read as follows:

6 (1) Each county shall create a homeless housing task force to
7 develop a ten-year homeless housing plan addressing short-term and
8 long-term housing for homeless persons.

9 Membership on the task force may include representatives of the
10 counties, cities, towns, housing authorities, civic and faith
11 organizations, schools, community networks, human services providers,
12 law enforcement personnel, criminal justice personnel, including
13 prosecutors, probation officers, and jail administrators, substance
14 abuse treatment providers, mental health care providers, emergency
15 health care providers, businesses, at-large representatives of the
16 community, and a homeless or formerly homeless individual.

17 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
18 designate an existing governmental or nonprofit body which
19 substantially conforms to this section and which includes at least one

1 homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless
2 representative. As an alternative to a separate plan, two or more
3 local governments may work in concert to develop and execute a joint
4 homeless housing plan, or to contract with another entity to do so
5 according to the requirements of this chapter. While a local
6 government has the authority to subcontract with other entities, the
7 local government continues to maintain the ultimate responsibility for
8 the homeless housing program within its borders.

9 A county may decline to participate in the program authorized in
10 this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution adopted by
11 the county legislative authority stating the intention not to
12 participate. A copy of the resolution shall also be transmitted to the
13 county auditor and treasurer. If a county declines to participate, the
14 department shall create and execute a local homeless housing plan for
15 the county meeting the requirements of this chapter.

16 (2) In addition to developing a ten-year homeless housing plan,
17 each task force shall establish guidelines consistent with the
18 statewide homeless housing strategic plan, as needed, for the
19 following:

- 20 (a) Emergency shelters;
- 21 (b) Short-term housing needs;
- 22 (c) Temporary encampments;
- 23 (d) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; and
- 24 (e) Long-term housing.

25 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and
26 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the
27 homeless.

28 (3) Each county, including counties exempted from creating a new
29 task force under subsection (1) of this section, shall report to the
30 department of community, trade, and economic development such
31 information as may be needed to ensure compliance with this chapter.

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