

SHB 2848 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 84.14 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Beginning in 2009, cities with property owners taking an
6 exemption under this chapter, as well as counties within which such
7 cities exist, may establish a voluntary contribution program. Each
8 year, county treasurers, with the assistance of cities subject to this
9 section, shall notify property owners taking an exemption under this
10 chapter: (a) Indicating the property owner's exempt value and exempt
11 amount under this chapter for the calendar year; (b) describing the
12 contribution program under this section; and (c) requesting the
13 property owner to make a voluntary contribution under this section in
14 any amount designated either to the city or to the county within which
15 the property is located. A county treasurer must distribute amounts
16 collected under this section to the appropriate city, cities, or county
17 designated by the property owner. A city or county receiving a payment
18 under this section must deposit the money in a new or existing
19 segregated account to be used for the housing-related purposes
20 described in subsection (2) of this section. A city or county may
21 match amounts contributed by property owners.

22 (2) Moneys received under this section must be used exclusively for
23 activities that provide housing opportunities for very low-income
24 households with incomes at or below eighty percent of the area median
25 income. Eligible housing activities include:

26 (a) Acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating housing projects or
27 units within housing projects, including units for homeownership,
28 rental units, seasonal and permanent farm worker housing units, single
29 room occupancy units, transitional housing units, supportive housing
30 units, and homeless shelter units;

1 (b) Operating and maintaining housing projects or units within
2 housing projects, including emergency homeless shelters, youth
3 shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing;

4 (c) Providing rental vouchers for persons who are homeless or in
5 immediate danger of becoming homeless;

6 (d) Providing services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency
7 eviction prevention programs and including temporary rental and
8 mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness;

9 (e) Providing temporary services to assist persons leaving state
10 institutions and other state programs to prevent them from becoming or
11 remaining homeless; and

12 (f) Renting and furnishing dwelling units for the use of homeless
13 persons.

14 (3) Any county receiving moneys as a result of the program created
15 in this section must provide annually to the appropriate city in which
16 a donor property is located: The total amount received, the affordable
17 housing activities funded, and the outcomes of those activities.

18 (4) For the purposes of this section, "exempt amount" means the
19 aggregate tax rate multiplied by the assessed value exempt under this
20 chapter for the year.

21 (5) This section expires December 31, 2013.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.14.100 and 2007 c 430 s 10 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) Thirty days after the anniversary of the date of the
25 certificate of tax exemption and each year for the tax exemption
26 period, the owner of the rehabilitated or newly constructed property
27 shall file with a designated authorized representative of the city an
28 annual report indicating the following:

29 (a) A statement of occupancy and vacancy of the rehabilitated or
30 newly constructed property during the twelve months ending with the
31 anniversary date;

32 (b) A certification by the owner that the property has not changed
33 use and, if applicable, that the property has been in compliance with
34 the affordable housing requirements as described in RCW 84.14.020 since
35 the date of the certificate approved by the city;

36 (c) A description of changes or improvements constructed after
37 issuance of the certificate of tax exemption; and

1 (d) Any additional information requested by the city in regards to
2 the units receiving a tax exemption.

3 (2) All cities, which issue certificates of tax exemption for
4 multiunit housing that conform to the requirements of this chapter,
5 shall report annually by December 31st of each year, beginning in 2007,
6 to the department of community, trade, and economic development. The
7 report must include the following information:

8 (a) The number of tax exemption certificates granted;

9 (b) The total number and type of units produced or to be produced;

10 (c) The number and type of units produced or to be produced meeting
11 affordable housing requirements;

12 (d) The actual development cost of each unit produced;

13 (e) The total monthly rent or total sale amount of each unit
14 produced;

15 (f) The income of each renter household at the time of initial
16 occupancy and the income of each initial purchaser of owner-occupied
17 units at the time of purchase for each of the units receiving a tax
18 exemption and a summary of these figures for the city; (~~and~~)

19 (g) The value of the tax exemption for each project receiving a tax
20 exemption and the total value of tax exemptions granted;

21 (h) The amount voluntarily contributed to the county treasurer by
22 property owners under section 1 of this act;

23 (i) The amount designated to the city, the activities funded by the
24 city with the moneys acquired under section 1 of this act, and the
25 outcomes of those activities; and

26 (j) The amount designated for the county, the activities funded by
27 the county with the moneys acquired under section 1 of this act, and
28 the outcomes of those activities.

29 (3) This section expires December 31, 2013."

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30 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "exemption;" strike the

1 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 84.14.100; adding a new
2 section to chapter 84.14 RCW; and providing expiration dates."

EFFECT: Cities may, but are not required to, establish a voluntary contribution program.

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