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1 AN ACT Relating to programs to end homelessness; amending RCW
2 43.185C.005, 43.185C.010, 43.185C.020, 43.185C.040, 43.185C.050,
3 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080, 43.185C.090, 43.185C.100, 43.185C.130,
4 43.185C.160, 43.185C.900, 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.185C.170,
5 43.185C.180, 43.185B.030, 43.20A.790, 36.18.010, and 43.185C.150;
6 adding new sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; creating new sections; and
7 recodifying RCW 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.20A.790, and 43.63A.650.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185C.005 and 2005 c 484 s 1 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Despite laudable efforts by all levels of government, private
12 individuals, nonprofit organizations, and charitable foundations to end
13 homelessness, the number of homeless persons in Washington is
14 unacceptably high. The state's homeless population, furthermore,
15 includes a large number of families with children, youth, and employed
16 persons. The legislature finds that the fiscal and societal costs of
17 homelessness are high for both the public and private sectors, and that
18 ending homelessness (~~should~~) must be a goal for state and local
19 government.

1 The legislature finds that there are many causes of homelessness,
2 including a shortage of affordable housing; a shortage of family-wage
3 jobs which undermines housing affordability; a lack of an accessible
4 and affordable health care system available to all who suffer from
5 physical and mental illnesses and chemical and alcohol dependency;
6 domestic violence; ~~((and))~~ a lack of education and job skills necessary
7 to acquire adequate wage jobs in the economy of the twenty-first
8 century; inadequate availability of services for citizens with mental
9 illness and developmental disabilities living in the community; and the
10 difficulties faced by formerly institutionalized persons in
11 reintegrating to society and finding stable employment and housing.

12 The support and commitment of all sectors of the statewide
13 community is critical to the chances of success in ending homelessness
14 in Washington. While the provision of housing and housing-related
15 services to the homeless should be administered at the local level to
16 best address specific community needs, the legislature also recognizes
17 the need for the state to play a primary coordinating, supporting,
18 ~~((and))~~ monitoring, and evaluating role. There must be a clear
19 assignment of responsibilities and a clear statement of achievable and
20 quantifiable goals. Systematic statewide data collection on
21 ~~((homelessness))~~ homeless individuals in Washington must be a critical
22 component of such a program enabling the state to work with local
23 governments not only to count all homeless people in the state, but to
24 record and manage information about homeless persons ~~((and))~~ in order
25 to assist them in finding housing and other supportive services that
26 can help them, when possible, achieve the highest degree of self-
27 sufficiency and economic independence that is appropriate given their
28 specific abilities and situations.

29 The systematic collection and rigorous evaluation of homeless data,
30 a nationwide search for and implementation through adequate resource
31 allocation of best practices, and the systematic measurement of
32 progress toward interim goals and the ultimate goal of ending
33 homelessness are all necessary components of a statewide effort to end
34 homelessness in Washington by ~~((July 1, 2015))~~ December 31, 2018.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.185C.010 and 2007 c 427 s 3 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
4 economic development.

5 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of community,
6 trade, and economic development.

7 (3) "Homeless person" means an individual living outside or in a
8 building not meant for human habitation or which they have no legal
9 right to occupy, in an emergency shelter, or in a temporary housing
10 program which may include a transitional and supportive housing program
11 if habitation time limits exist. This definition includes substance
12 abusers, people with mental illness, and sex offenders who are
13 homeless.

14 (4) "Washington homeless census" or "census" means ~~((an annual))~~ a
15 statewide census conducted at least annually as a collaborative effort
16 by towns, cities, counties, community-based organizations, and state
17 agencies, with the technical support and coordination of the
18 department, to count and collect ~~((data on))~~ information about all
19 homeless individuals in Washington.

20 (5) "Home security fund account" means the state treasury account
21 receiving the state's portion of income from revenue from the sources
22 established by RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act), RCW
23 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act), and all other sources directed
24 to the homeless housing and assistance program.

25 (6) ~~((Homeless housing))~~ Ending homelessness grant program means
26 the ~~((vehicle by))~~ program established in RCW 43.185C.070, 43.185C.080,
27 and 43.185C.090 under which competitive grants are awarded by the
28 department, utilizing moneys from the ~~((homeless housing))~~ home
29 security fund account, to local governments for programs directly
30 related to ~~((housing homeless individuals and families,))~~ addressing
31 the root causes of homelessness, preventing homelessness, and
32 collecting data and information on homeless individuals ~~((, and other~~
33 ~~efforts directly related to housing homeless persons))~~.

34 (7) "Local government" means a county government in the state of
35 Washington or a city government, if the legislative authority of the
36 city affirmatively elects to accept the responsibility for housing
37 homeless persons within its ~~((borders))~~ jurisdiction.

1 (8) "Housing continuum" means the progression of individuals along
2 a housing-focused continuum with homelessness at one end and
3 homeownership at the other.

4 (9) "Local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness task force"
5 means a voluntary local committee created under RCW 43.185C.160 to
6 ~~((advise a local government on the creation of))~~ develop a local
7 ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness plan and participate in a
8 local ~~((homeless housing))~~ ending homelessness program. ~~((It must
9 include a representative of the county, a representative of the largest
10 city located within the county, at least one homeless or formerly
11 homeless person, such other members as may be required to maintain
12 eligibility for federal funding related to housing programs and
13 services and if feasible, a representative of a private nonprofit
14 organization with experience in low income housing.))~~

15 (10) "Long-term private or public housing" means subsidized and
16 unsubsidized rental or owner-occupied housing in which there is no
17 established time limit for habitation of less than two years.

18 (11) "Interagency council on homelessness" means a committee
19 appointed by the governor and consisting of, at least, policy level
20 representatives of the following entities: (a) The department of
21 community, trade, and economic development; (b) the department of
22 corrections; (c) the department of social and health services; (d) the
23 department of veterans affairs; and (e) the department of health.

24 (12) "Performance measurement" means the process of comparing
25 specific measures of success against ultimate and interim goals.

26 (13) "Performance evaluation" means the process of evaluating
27 performance by established criteria according to the achievement of
28 outlined goals, measures, targets, standards, or other outcomes, using
29 a ranked scorecard from highest to lowest performance that employs a
30 scale of one to one hundred, one hundred being the optimal score.

31 (14) "Quality management program" means a nationally recognized
32 program using criteria similar or equivalent to the Baldrige criteria.
33 Beginning in 2010, all local governments receiving over five hundred
34 thousand dollars a year during the previous calendar year from: State
35 housing-related funding sources, including the Washington housing trust
36 fund; the ending homelessness program surcharges in RCW 36.22.179 and
37 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act); and any surcharges in this
38 chapter and the surcharges in RCW 36.22.178, shall apply to the

1 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
2 its quality management, accountability, and performance system, once
3 every three years beginning by January 1, 2011.

4 (15) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit private or public
5 organization established under the economic opportunity act of 1964.

6 ~~((14))~~ (16) "Housing authority" means any of the public
7 corporations created by chapter 35.82 RCW.

8 ~~((15) "Homeless housing"))~~ (17) "Ending homelessness program" means
9 the program authorized under this chapter as administered by the
10 department at the state level and by the local government or its
11 designated subcontractor at the local level.

12 ~~((16) "Homeless housing"))~~ (18) "Local ending homelessness plan"
13 means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the ~~((county or other))~~ local
14 government to address ~~((housing for homeless persons))~~ ending
15 homelessness.

16 ~~((17) "Homeless housing"))~~ (19) "State ending homelessness
17 strategic plan" means the ~~((ten-year))~~ plan developed by the
18 department, in consultation with the interagency council on
19 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
20 affordable housing advisory board, to end homelessness.

21 ~~((18))~~ (20) "Washington homeless client management information
22 system" means a database of information about homeless individuals in
23 the state used to coordinate resources to assist homeless clients to
24 obtain and retain housing and reach greater levels of self-sufficiency
25 or economic independence when appropriate, depending upon their
26 individual situations.

27 (21) "Good family wage job" means a job that pays at or above one
28 of the two self-sufficiency income standards established under section
29 17 of this act which for an individual means enough income to support
30 one adult individual, and for a family means enough income to support
31 two adult individuals, one preschool-aged child, and one school-aged
32 child.

33 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.185C.020 and 2005 c 484 s 5 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 There is created within the department the ~~((homeless housing))~~
36 ending homelessness program to develop and ~~((coordinate))~~ implement a
37 statewide ending homelessness strategic plan ~~((aimed at housing~~

1 ~~homeless persons)), coordinate and monitor local government ending~~
2 ~~homelessness plans and programs, and implement and manage an ending~~
3 ~~homelessness grant program. The ending homelessness program has an~~
4 ~~established short-term goal of reducing the homeless population~~
5 ~~statewide and in each county by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an~~
6 ~~ultimate goal of ending homelessness by December 31, 2018. The ending~~
7 ~~homelessness program ((shall be)) is developed and administered by the~~
8 department with advice and input from the affordable housing advisory
9 board established in RCW 43.185B.020.

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.185C.040 and 2005 c 484 s 7 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) ~~((Six months after the first Washington homeless census,))~~ The
13 department shall, in consultation with the interagency council on
14 homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness, and the
15 affordable housing advisory board, prepare and ~~((publish a ten-year~~
16 ~~homeless housing))~~ annually update a state ending homelessness
17 strategic plan which ((shall)) must outline statewide goals and
18 performance measures ~~((and shall be coordinated with the plan for~~
19 ~~homeless families with children required under RCW 43.63A.650. To~~
20 ~~guide local governments in preparation of their first local homeless~~
21 ~~housing plans due December 31, 2005, the department shall issue by~~
22 ~~October 15, 2005, temporary guidelines consistent with this chapter and~~
23 ~~including the best available data on each community's homeless~~
24 ~~population)).~~ Local governments' ~~((ten-year homeless housing))~~ local
25 ending homelessness plans ((shall not)) must include all of the
26 performance measures included in the state ending homelessness
27 strategic plan and must be substantially ~~((inconsistent))~~ consistent
28 with the goals and program recommendations of ~~((the temporary~~
29 ~~guidelines and, when amended after 2005,))~~ the state ending
30 homelessness strategic plan.

31 (2)(a) Program outcomes and performance measures and goals
32 ~~((shall)) must~~ be created by the department ~~((and reflected))~~ in
33 consultation with the interagency council on homelessness and a task
34 force established by the department consisting of the committee chairs
35 of the appropriate committees of the legislature, representatives
36 appointed by the director from a minimum of five local ending
37 homelessness task forces representing both urban and rural areas and

1 communities east and west of the Cascade mountains, and a
2 representative from a statewide membership organization that advocates
3 for ending homelessness. All performance measures must have targets
4 and timelines. The task force must also produce guidelines for local
5 governments regarding methods, techniques, and data suggested to
6 measure each performance measure. Performance measures, yearly
7 targets, and corresponding measurement guidelines must be established
8 by December 31, 2008, and must be reviewed annually by the department
9 and the interagency council on homelessness after soliciting feedback
10 from all local ending homelessness task forces. Performance measures
11 must be included in the department's ((homeless housing)) state ending
12 homelessness strategic plan ((as well as)) and all local ending
13 homelessness plans.

14 (b) The department may determine a timeline for implementation and
15 measurement of each performance measure for the state and local ending
16 homelessness plans, except that the state and all local governments
17 must implement and respond to all performance measures by December 31,
18 2010, unless the department finds that a performance measure is not
19 applicable to a specific local area according to parameters and
20 thresholds established by the department.

21 (c) Performance measures must be created, at a minimum, to gauge
22 the success of the state and each local government in the following
23 areas:

24 (i) The cost of ending homelessness in comparison with available
25 and committed resources;

26 (ii) The total capital and service dollars required statewide and
27 by county to meet the two goals outlined in RCW 43.185C.020, the
28 assessment of which must include a determination of the current
29 shortfall of funds as well as recommendations to reduce the total
30 amount of funds determined to be needed to meet the goals;

31 (iii) The self-sufficiency of persons in Washington;

32 (iv) The achievement of an appropriate level of self-sufficiency
33 for homeless individuals;

34 (v) The quality and completeness of the Washington homeless client
35 management information system database;

36 (vi) The quality of the performance management systems of state
37 agencies, local governments, and local government subcontractors

1 executing programs, as authorized by RCW 43.185C.080(1), that
2 contribute to the overall goal of ending homelessness; and

3 (vii) The quality of local ending homelessness plans.

4 Performance measurements are reported upon by city and county
5 geography, including demographics with yearly or more frequent targets.

6 (3) Interim goals against which state and local governments'
7 performance may be measured must also be described and reported upon in
8 the state ending homelessness strategic plan, including:

9 (a) ((By the end of year one, completion of the first census as
10 described in RCW 43.185C.030;

11 (b)) By the end of each subsequent year, goals common to all state
12 and local programs which are measurable and the achievement of which
13 would move that community toward housing its homeless population; ((and

14 (e)) (b) By July 1, 2015, reduction of the homeless population
15 statewide and in each county by ((fifty)) seventy percent; and

16 (c) By December 31, 2018, the reduction of the homeless population
17 statewide and in each county by one hundred percent, representing the
18 end of homelessness in Washington.

19 ((+3)) (4) The department shall develop a consistent statewide
20 data gathering instrument to monitor the performance of cities and
21 counties receiving ending homelessness grants in order to determine
22 compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the ending
23 homelessness grant application or required by the department.

24 (5) The department shall, in consultation with the interagency
25 council on homelessness, the state advisory council on homelessness,
26 and the affordable housing advisory board, report annually to the
27 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature ((an
28 assessment of)) information about:

29 (a) All state programs addressing homeless housing and services;

30 (b) The state's performance in furthering the goals of the state
31 ((ten-year homeless housing)) ending homelessness strategic plan; and

32 (c) The performance of each participating local government in
33 creating and executing a local ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness
34 plan ((which)) that meets the requirements of this chapter. ((The
35 annual report may include performance measures such as:

36 (a) The reduction in the number of homeless individuals and
37 families from the initial count of homeless persons;

1 ~~(b) The number of new units available and affordable for homeless~~
2 ~~families by housing type;~~

3 ~~(c) The number of homeless individuals identified who are not~~
4 ~~offered suitable housing within thirty days of their request or~~
5 ~~identification as homeless;~~

6 ~~(d) The number of households at risk of losing housing who maintain~~
7 ~~it due to a preventive intervention;~~

8 ~~(e) The transition time from homelessness to permanent housing;~~

9 ~~(f) The cost per person housed at each level of the housing~~
10 ~~continuum;~~

11 ~~(g) The ability to successfully collect data and report~~
12 ~~performance;~~

13 ~~(h) The extent of collaboration and coordination among public~~
14 ~~bodies, as well as community stakeholders, and the level of community~~
15 ~~support and participation;~~

16 ~~(i) The quality and safety of housing provided; and~~

17 ~~(j) The effectiveness of outreach to homeless persons, and their~~
18 ~~satisfaction with the program.~~

19 ~~(4)) (6) The state plan must also include a response to each~~
20 ~~recommendation included in the local plans for policy changes to assist~~
21 ~~in ending homelessness and a summary of the recommendations to the~~
22 ~~legislature to streamline and simplify all homeless planning and~~
23 ~~reporting requirements, as required in section 21 of this act.~~

24 ~~(7) Based on the performance of local ((homeless housing)) ending~~
25 ~~homelessness programs in meeting their interim goals, on general~~
26 ~~population changes and on changes in the homeless population recorded~~
27 ~~in the ((annual)) census, the department may revise the performance~~
28 ~~measures and goals of the state ((homeless housing strategic plan))~~
29 ~~ending homelessness plans, set goals for years following the initial~~
30 ~~ten-year period, and recommend changes in local governments' ending~~
31 ~~homelessness plans.~~

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.185C.050 and 2005 c 484 s 8 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1)(a)(i) Each local ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness task
35 force shall prepare and recommend to its local government legislative
36 authority a ((ten-year homeless housing)) local ending homelessness
37 plan for its jurisdictional area ((which shall be not inconsistent))

1 that is consistent with the department's ~~((statewide temporary~~
2 ~~guidelines, for the December 31, 2005, plan, and thereafter the~~
3 ~~department's ten-year homeless housing))~~ state ending homelessness
4 strategic plan and ~~((which shall be))~~ is aimed at eliminating
5 homelessness, with a minimum goal of reducing homelessness by ~~((fifty))~~
6 seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and an ultimate goal of ending
7 homelessness by December 31, 2018. ~~((The local government may amend~~
8 ~~the proposed local plan and shall adopt a plan by December 31, 2005.~~
9 ~~Performance in meeting the goals of this local plan shall be assessed~~
10 ~~annually in terms of the performance measures published by the~~
11 ~~department.))~~ Local governments must update their local ending
12 homelessness plan annually on a schedule to be determined by the
13 department.

14 (ii) Local plans must include specific strategic objectives,
15 consistent with the state plan, and must include corresponding action
16 plans. Local plans must address identified strategies to meet the
17 needs of all homeless populations, including chronic homeless, short-
18 term homeless, families, individuals, and youth. Local plans must
19 specifically identify efforts to meet the needs of homeless students.
20 Each local plan must include the total estimated cost of accomplishing
21 the goals of the plan to reduce homelessness by seventy percent by July
22 1, 2015, and an ultimate goal of ending homelessness by December 31,
23 2018, and must include an accounting of total committed funds for this
24 purpose.

25 (b)(i) The department must conduct an annual performance evaluation
26 of each local plan by December 31st of each year beginning in 2008.
27 The department must also conduct an annual performance evaluation of
28 each local government's performance related to its local plan by
29 December 31st of each year beginning in 2008. A local government's
30 performance must be evaluated using, at a minimum, the performance
31 measures outlined in RCW 43.185C.040(2).

32 (ii) In addition to the performance measures mandated in RCW
33 43.185C.040(2), local plans may include specific local performance
34 measures adopted by the local government legislative authority~~((τ))~~
35 ~~((may))~~ must include recommendations for ~~((any))~~ state legislation
36 needed to meet the state or local plan goals. The recommendations must
37 be specific and must, if funding is required, include an estimated

1 amount of funding required and suggestions for an appropriate funding
2 source.

- 3 (2) Eligible activities under the local plans include:
- 4 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of homeless
5 persons;
- 6 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
7 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing in
8 transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
9 homelessness;
- 10 (c) Operating subsidies for transitional housing or permanent
11 housing serving formerly homeless families or individuals;
- 12 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
13 prevention programs, including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
14 homelessness;
- 15 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state institutions
16 and other state programs to prevent them from becoming or remaining
17 homeless;
- 18 (f) Outreach services for homeless individuals and families;
- 19 (g) Development and management of local (~~homeless~~) ending
20 homelessness plans, including homeless census data collection(~~(+)~~) and
21 information, identification of goals, performance measures, strategies,
22 and costs, and evaluation of progress towards established goals;
- 23 (h) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for persons who are
24 homeless or below thirty percent of the median income or in immediate
25 danger of becoming homeless; (~~and~~)
- 26 (i) Implementing a quality management program and applying to the
27 Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of
28 quality management, accountability, and performance systems or applying
29 to the full examination Washington state quality award program; and
- 30 (j) Other activities to reduce and prevent homelessness as
31 identified for funding in the local plan.

32 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.185C.070 and 2005 c 484 s 11 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) During each calendar year in which moneys from the (~~homeless~~
35 ~~housing~~) home security fund account are available for use by the
36 department for the (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness grant
37 program, the department shall announce to all Washington counties,

1 participating cities, and through major media throughout the state, a
2 grant application period of at least ninety days' duration. Grants may
3 be awarded for programs directly related to addressing the root causes
4 of homelessness, preventing homelessness, and collecting data and
5 information on homeless individuals. Only a local government
6 participating in the ending homelessness program is eligible to receive
7 an ending homelessness grant. This announcement will be made as often
8 as the director deems appropriate for proper utilization of resources.
9 The department shall then promptly grant as many applications as will
10 utilize available funds, less appropriate administrative costs of the
11 department as described in RCW 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act).

12 (2) The department ~~((will))~~ shall develop, ~~((with advice and input~~
13 ~~from the affordable housing advisory board established in RCW~~
14 ~~43.185B.020))~~ in consultation with the interagency council on
15 homelessness, criteria to evaluate grant applications.

16 (3) The department may approve only those applications ~~((only if~~
17 ~~they))~~ that are consistent with the local and state ~~((homeless housing~~
18 ~~program strategic))~~ ending homelessness plans. The department may give
19 preference to applications based on some or all of the following
20 criteria:

21 (a) The total homeless population in the applicant local government
22 service area, as reported by the most recent ~~((annual))~~ Washington
23 homeless census;

24 (b) Current local expenditures to provide housing for the homeless
25 and to address the underlying causes of homelessness as described in
26 RCW 43.185C.005;

27 (c) Local government and private contributions pledged to the
28 program in the form of matching funds, property, infrastructure
29 improvements, and other contributions; and the degree of leveraging of
30 other funds from local government or private sources for the program
31 for which funds are being requested, to include recipient contributions
32 to total project costs, including allied contributions from other
33 sources such as professional, craft, and trade services, and lender
34 interest rate subsidies;

35 (d) ~~((Construction projects or rehabilitation that will serve~~
36 ~~homeless individuals or families for a period of at least twenty five~~
37 ~~years;~~

1 ~~(e) Projects which demonstrate serving homeless populations with~~
2 ~~the greatest needs, including projects that serve special needs~~
3 ~~populations;~~

4 ~~(f)) The degree to which the applicant project represents a~~
5 ~~collaboration between local governments, nonprofit community-based~~
6 ~~organizations, local and state agencies, and the private sector((,~~
7 ~~especially through its integration with the coordinated and~~
8 ~~comprehensive plan for homeless families with children required under~~
9 ~~RCW 43.63A.650));~~

10 ~~((g)) (e) The cooperation of the local government in the~~
11 ~~((annual)) Washington homeless census ((project));~~

12 ~~((h)) (f) The number of homeless censuses or other homeless~~
13 ~~counts conducted by the local government beyond the annual census~~
14 ~~requirement;~~

15 ~~(g) The commitment of the local government and any subcontracting~~
16 ~~local governments, nonprofit organizations, and for-profit entities to~~
17 ~~employ a diverse work force and pay wages at or above the self-~~
18 ~~sufficiency standard;~~

19 ~~(h) The commitment of the local government to apply to the~~
20 ~~Washington state quality award program for an independent assessment of~~
21 ~~its quality management, accountability, and performance system or apply~~
22 ~~to the full examination Washington state quality award program;~~

23 ~~(i) The extent that a local government's subcontractors commit to~~
24 ~~apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent~~
25 ~~assessment of their quality management, accountability, and performance~~
26 ~~systems or apply to the full examination Washington state quality award~~
27 ~~program;~~

28 ~~(j) The extent, if any, that the local homeless population is~~
29 ~~disproportionate to the revenues collected under this chapter and RCW~~
30 ~~36.22.178 and 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and~~

31 ~~((j)) (k) Other elements shown by the applicant to be directly~~
32 ~~related to the goal and the department's state ending homelessness~~
33 ~~strategic plan.~~

34 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.185C.080 and 2005 c 484 s 12 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) ~~((Only a local government is eligible to receive a homeless~~
37 ~~housing grant from the homeless housing account. Any city may assert~~

1 responsibility for homeless housing within its borders if it so
2 chooses, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of the
3 county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a separate
4 homeless housing program. The city shall then receive a percentage of
5 the surcharge assessed under RCW 36.22.179 equal to the percentage of
6 the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the
7 county. A participating city may also then apply separately for
8 homeless housing program grants. A city choosing to operate a separate
9 homeless housing program shall be responsible for complying with all of
10 the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local homeless
11 housing plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for county local
12 plans. However, the city may by resolution of its legislative
13 authority accept the county's homeless housing task force as its own
14 and based on that task force's recommendations adopt a homeless housing
15 plan specific to the city.

16 (2)) Local governments (~~((applying for homeless housing funds))~~) may
17 subcontract with any other local government, housing authority,
18 community action agency, or other nonprofit organization for the
19 execution of programs contributing to the overall goal of ending
20 homelessness within a defined service area. All subcontracts (~~((shall))~~)
21 must be consistent with the local (~~((homeless housing))~~) ending
22 homelessness plan adopted by the legislative authority of the local
23 government, time limited, and filed with the department, and (~~((shall))~~)
24 must have specific performance terms. Local governments must strongly
25 encourage all subcontractors under the ending homelessness program to
26 apply to the Washington state quality award program for an independent
27 assessment of their quality management, accountability, and performance
28 systems or apply to the full examination Washington state quality award
29 program. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
30 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the
31 ultimate responsibility for the (~~((homeless housing))~~) ending
32 homelessness program within its (~~((borders))~~) jurisdiction.

33 ((+3)) (2) A county may decline to participate in the program
34 authorized in this chapter by forwarding to the department a resolution
35 adopted by the county legislative authority stating the intention not
36 to participate. A copy of the resolution (~~((shall))~~) must also be
37 transmitted to the county auditor and treasurer. If (~~((such a))~~) the
38 resolution is adopted, all of the funds otherwise due to the county

1 under RCW (~~(43.185C.060 shall)~~) 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as recodified
2 by this act), minus funds due to any city that has chosen to
3 participate through the process established in subsection (3) of this
4 section, must be remitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit in
5 the (~~(homeless housing)~~) home security fund account, without any
6 reduction by the county for collecting or administering the funds.
7 Upon receipt of the resolution, the department shall promptly begin to
8 identify and contract with one or more entities eligible under this
9 section to create and execute a local (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
10 homelessness plan for the county meeting the requirements of this
11 chapter. The department shall expend all of the funds received from
12 the county under this subsection to carry out the purposes of this
13 chapter (~~(484, Laws of 2005)~~) in the county, (~~(provided that)~~) but the
14 department may retain six percent of these funds to offset the cost of
15 managing the county's program.

16 (3) Any city may assert responsibility for homeless housing within
17 its borders, by forwarding a resolution to the legislative authority of
18 the county stating its intention and its commitment to operate a
19 separate ending homelessness program. A city choosing to operate a
20 separate ending homelessness program receives a percentage of the
21 surcharges assessed under RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as recodified
22 by this act) equal to the percentage of the city's local portion of the
23 real estate excise tax collected by the county. A participating city
24 may also then apply separately for ending homelessness grants. A city
25 choosing to operate a separate ending homelessness program must comply
26 with all of the same requirements as counties and shall adopt a local
27 ending homelessness plan meeting the requirements of this chapter for
28 local ending homelessness plans.

29 (4) A resolution by the county declining to participate in the
30 program (~~(shall have)~~) has no effect on the (~~(ability)~~) authority of
31 each city in the county to assert its right to manage its own program
32 under this chapter, and the county shall monthly transmit to the city
33 the funds due under (~~(this chapter)~~) RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 (as
34 recodified by this act).

35 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.185C.090 and 2005 c 484 s 13 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 The department shall allocate ending homelessness grant moneys from

1 the (~~homeless housing~~) home security fund account to finance in whole
2 or in part programs and projects in approved local (~~homeless housing~~)
3 ending homelessness plans (~~to assist homeless individuals and families~~
4 ~~gain access to adequate housing, prevent at risk individuals from~~
5 ~~becoming homeless, address the root causes of homelessness, track and~~
6 ~~report on homeless related data, and facilitate the movement of~~
7 ~~homeless or formerly homeless individuals along the housing continuum~~
8 ~~toward more stable and independent housing~~) for programs directly
9 related to addressing the root causes of homelessness, preventing
10 homelessness, and collecting data and information on homeless
11 individuals. The department may issue criteria or guidelines to guide
12 local governments in the application process.

13 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.185C.100 and 2005 c 484 s 14 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 The department shall provide technical assistance to any
16 participating local government that requests such assistance.
17 Technical assistance activities may include:

18 (1) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate parties to
19 participate on local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness task
20 forces;

21 (2) Assisting local governments to identify appropriate service
22 providers with which the local governments may subcontract for service
23 provision and development activities, when necessary;

24 (3) Assisting local governments to implement or expand homeless
25 census programs to meet (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
26 program requirements;

27 (4) Assisting local governments in the local implementation and
28 updating of the homeless client management information system as
29 required in RCW 43.185C.180;

30 (5) Assisting local governments to apply to the Washington state
31 quality award program for an independent assessment of their quality
32 management, accountability, and performance systems or apply to the
33 full examination Washington state quality award program;

34 (6) Assisting local governments to strongly encourage all
35 subcontractors to apply to the Washington state quality award program
36 for an independent assessment of their quality management,

1 accountability, and performance systems or apply to the full
2 examination Washington state quality award program;
3 (7) Assisting local governments to create quality ending
4 homelessness plans;
5 (8) Assisting in the identification of "best practices" from other
6 areas;
7 ((+5)) (9) Assisting in identifying additional funding sources for
8 specific projects; and
9 ((+6)) (10) Training local government and subcontractor staff,
10 including quality management training.

11 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.185C.130 and 2005 c 484 s 17 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The department shall ensure that the state's interest is protected
14 upon the development, use, sale, or change of use of projects
15 constructed, acquired, or financed in whole or in part through the
16 ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness grant program. These policies
17 may include, but are not limited to: (1) Requiring a share of the
18 appreciation in the project in proportion to the state's contribution
19 to the project, or (2) requiring a lump sum repayment of the grant upon
20 the sale or change of use of the project.

21 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.185C.160 and 2005 c 485 s 1 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Each county shall create ((a homeless housing)) an ending
24 homelessness task force to develop a ((ten-year homeless housing))
25 ending homelessness plan addressing short-term and long-term services
26 and housing ((for homeless persons)) to prevent and reduce homelessness
27 by seventy percent by July 1, 2015, and to achieve the ultimate goal of
28 ending homelessness by December 31, 2018.

29 Membership on the task force may include representatives of the
30 counties, cities, towns, housing authorities, civic and faith
31 organizations, schools, community networks, human services providers,
32 law enforcement personnel, criminal justice personnel, including
33 prosecutors, probation officers, and jail administrators, substance
34 abuse treatment providers, mental health care providers, emergency
35 health care providers, businesses, at-large representatives of the
36 community, and a homeless or formerly homeless individual.

1 In lieu of creating a new task force, a local government may
2 designate an existing governmental or nonprofit body (~~(which)~~) that
3 substantially conforms to this section and (~~(which)~~) includes at least
4 one homeless or formerly homeless individual to serve as its homeless
5 representative. As an alternative to a separate plan, two or more
6 local governments may work in concert to develop and execute a joint
7 (~~(homeless housing)~~) local ending homelessness plan, or to contract
8 with another entity to do so according to the requirements of this
9 chapter. While a local government has the authority to subcontract
10 with other entities, the local government continues to maintain the
11 ultimate responsibility for the (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending
12 homelessness program within its borders.

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

20 (2) In addition to developing a (~~(ten-year homeless housing)~~) local
21 ending homelessness plan, each task force shall establish guidelines
22 consistent with the statewide (~~(homeless housing)~~) ending homelessness
23 strategic plan, as needed, for the following:

- 24 (a) Emergency shelters;
- 25 (b) Short-term housing needs;
- 26 (c) Temporary encampments;
- 27 (d) Rental voucher programs;
- 28 (e) Supportive housing for chronically homeless persons; (~~(and~~
- 29 ~~(e))~~) (f) Long-term housing; and
- 30 (g) Prevention services.

31 Guidelines must include, when appropriate, standards for health and
32 safety and notifying the public of proposed facilities to house the
33 homeless.

34 (3) Each county (~~(, including counties exempted from creating a new~~
35 ~~task force under subsection (1) of this section,~~) shall report to the
36 department of community, trade, and economic development (~~(such)~~) any
37 information (~~(as may be)~~) needed to ensure compliance with this
38 chapter.

1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 43.185C.900 and 2005 c 484 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 This chapter may be known and cited as the ending homelessness
4 (~~housing and assistance~~) act.

5 **Sec. 13.** RCW 36.22.179 and 2007 c 427 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) In addition to the surcharge authorized in RCW 36.22.178, and
8 except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an additional
9 surcharge of ten dollars shall be charged by the county auditor for
10 each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge
11 allowed by law. The funds collected pursuant to this section are to be
12 distributed and used as follows:

13 (a) The auditor shall retain two percent for collection of the fee,
14 and of the remainder shall remit sixty percent to the county to be
15 deposited into a fund that must be used by the county and its cities
16 and towns to accomplish the purposes of this chapter, six percent of
17 which may be used by the county for administrative costs related to its
18 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness plan, and the remainder for
19 programs which directly accomplish the goals of the county's local
20 (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness plan, except that for each
21 city in the county which elects as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080 to
22 operate its own local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness program,
23 a percentage of the surcharge assessed under this section equal to the
24 percentage of the city's local portion of the real estate excise tax
25 collected by the county shall be transmitted at least quarterly to the
26 city treasurer, without any deduction for county administrative costs,
27 for use by the city for program costs which directly contribute to the
28 goals of the city's local (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
29 plan; of the funds received by the city, it may use six percent for
30 administrative costs for its (~~homeless housing~~) ending homelessness
31 program.

32 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
33 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
34 department may use twelve and one-half percent of this amount for
35 administration of the program established in RCW 43.185C.020, including
36 the costs of creating the statewide (~~homeless housing~~) ending
37 homelessness strategic plan, measuring performance, providing technical

1 assistance to local governments, and managing the ((homeless housing))
2 ending homelessness grant program. The remaining eighty-seven and one-
3 half percent is to be used by the department to:

4 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
5 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
6 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
7 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
8 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

9 (ii) Fund the ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness grant
10 program.

11 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
12 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

13 **Sec. 14.** RCW 36.22.1791 and 2007 c 427 s 5 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) In addition to the surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and
16 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act), and except as provided in
17 subsection (2) of this section, the county auditor shall charge an
18 additional surcharge of eight dollars for each document recorded, which
19 is in addition to any other charge allowed by law. The funds collected
20 under this section are to be distributed and used as follows:

21 (a) The auditor shall remit ninety percent to the county to be
22 deposited into a fund six percent of which may be used by the county
23 for administrative costs related to its ((homeless housing)) ending
24 homelessness plan, and the remainder for programs that directly
25 accomplish the goals of the county's local ((homeless housing)) ending
26 homelessness plan, except that for each city in the county that elects,
27 as authorized in RCW 43.185C.080, to operate its own ((homeless
28 housing)) ending homelessness program, a percentage of the surcharge
29 assessed under this section equal to the percentage of the city's local
30 portion of the real estate excise tax collected by the county must be
31 transmitted at least quarterly to the city treasurer for use by the
32 city for program costs that directly contribute to the goals of the
33 city's ((homeless housing)) ending homelessness plan.

34 (b) The auditor shall remit the remaining funds to the state
35 treasurer for deposit in the home security fund account. The
36 department may use the funds for administering the program established
37 in RCW 43.185C.020, including the costs of creating and updating the

1 statewide ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness strategic plan,
2 measuring performance, providing technical assistance to local
3 governments, and managing the ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness
4 grant program. Remaining funds may also be used to:

5 (i) Provide housing and shelter for homeless people including, but
6 not limited to: Grants to operate, repair, and staff shelters; grants
7 to operate transitional housing; partial payments for rental
8 assistance; consolidated emergency assistance; overnight youth
9 shelters; and emergency shelter assistance; and

10 (ii) Fund the ((homeless-housing)) ending homelessness grant
11 program.

12 (2) The surcharge imposed in this section does not apply to
13 assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust.

14 **Sec. 15.** RCW 43.185C.170 and 2006 c 349 s 7 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) The interagency council on homelessness, as defined in RCW
17 43.185C.010, shall ((be convened not later than)) convene by August 31,
18 2006, and shall meet at least two times each year and report to the
19 appropriate committees of the legislature annually by December 31st on
20 its activities.

21 (2) The interagency council on homelessness shall work to create
22 greater levels of interagency coordination and to coordinate state
23 agency efforts with the efforts of state and local entities addressing
24 homelessness.

25 (3) The interagency council on homelessness must respond to all
26 state and local legislative and policy recommendations included in the
27 state and local ending homelessness plans. The interagency council
28 must annually present its strategy for addressing the issues raised to
29 the appropriate committees of the legislature and must also include a
30 report on the actions taken to date that address these issues.

31 (4) The interagency council shall seek to:

32 (a) Align homeless-related housing and supportive service policies
33 among state agencies;

34 (b) Identify ways in which providing housing with appropriate
35 services can contribute to cost savings for state agencies;

36 (c) Identify policies and actions that may contribute to
37 homelessness or interfere with its reduction;

1 (d) Review and improve strategies for discharge from state
2 institutions that contribute to homelessness;

3 (e) Recommend policies to either improve practices or align
4 resources, or both, including those policies requested by the
5 affordable housing advisory board or through state and local housing
6 plans; and

7 (f) Ensure that the housing status of people served by state
8 programs is collected in consistent formats available for analysis.

9 **Sec. 16.** RCW 43.185C.180 and 2006 c 349 s 8 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) In order to improve services for the homeless, the department,
12 within amounts appropriated by the legislature for this specific
13 purpose, shall implement the Washington homeless client management
14 information system for the ongoing collection and updates of
15 information about all homeless individuals in the state.

16 (2) Information about homeless individuals for the Washington
17 homeless client management information system shall come from the
18 Washington homeless census ~~((and))~~, from state agencies, and from
19 community organizations providing services to homeless individuals and
20 families. Personally identifying information about homeless
21 individuals for the Washington homeless client management system may
22 only be collected after having obtained informed, reasonably time
23 limited written consent from the homeless individual to whom the
24 information relates. Data collection ~~((shall))~~ must be done in a
25 manner consistent with federally informed consent guidelines regarding
26 human research which, at a minimum, require that individuals be
27 informed about the expected duration of their participation, an
28 explanation of whom to contact for answers to pertinent questions about
29 the data collection and their rights regarding their personal
30 identifying information, an explanation regarding whom to contact in
31 the event of injury to the individual related to the homeless client
32 survey, a description of any reasonably foreseeable risks to the
33 homeless individual, and a statement describing the extent to which
34 confidentiality of records identifying the individual will be
35 maintained.

36 (3) The Washington homeless client management information system
37 shall serve as an online information and referral system to enable

1 local governments and providers to connect homeless persons in the
2 database with available housing and other support services. Local
3 governments shall develop a capacity for continuous case management,
4 including independent living plans, when appropriate, to assist
5 homeless persons.

6 (4) The information in the Washington homeless client management
7 information system will also provide the department with the
8 information to consolidate and analyze data about the extent and nature
9 of homelessness in Washington state, giving emphasis to information
10 about the extent and nature of homelessness in Washington state among
11 families with children.

12 (5) The system may be merged with other data gathering and
13 reporting systems and shall:

- 14 (a) Protect the right of privacy of individuals;
- 15 (b) Provide for consultation and collaboration with all relevant
16 state agencies, including the department of social and health services,
17 experts, and community organizations involved in the delivery of
18 services to homeless persons; and
- 19 (c) Include related information held or gathered by other state
20 agencies.

21 (6) Within amounts appropriated by the legislature, for this
22 specific purpose, the department shall evaluate the information
23 gathered and disseminate the analysis and the evaluation broadly, using
24 appropriate computer networks as well as written reports.

25 (7) The Washington homeless client management information system
26 (~~shall~~) must be implemented by December 31, 2009, and updated with
27 new homeless client information at least (~~annually~~) twice each year.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
29 RCW to read as follows:

30 The department shall contract with the employment security
31 department to annually establish two self-sufficiency income standards
32 based upon the cost of living, including housing costs, which include
33 mortgage or rent payments and utilities other than telephone, for each
34 county in the state. The self-sufficiency income standards must be
35 based upon the costs needed to support: (1) One adult individual; and
36 (2) two adult individuals and one preschool-aged child and one school-
37 aged child. These income standards will be translated into an

1 equivalent hourly wage rate assuming one full-year, full-time earner
2 for the self-sufficiency income standards for each county. The self-
3 sufficiency income standards must be presented to the legislature by
4 December 31, 2009. The employment security department must spend no
5 more than one hundred ten thousand dollars in creating the initial
6 self-sufficiency income standards and no more than fifty-five thousand
7 dollars annually to update the standards. The employment security
8 department shall deliver a report to the department and the appropriate
9 committees of the legislature that details the number and percentage of
10 individuals statewide and in each county who do not have a good family
11 wage job and, as a result, earn less than the self-sufficiency income
12 standards, as well as the number and percentage of individuals
13 statewide and in each county who have a good family wage job and, as a
14 result, earn an amount equivalent to or more than the self-sufficiency
15 income standards.

16 **Sec. 18.** RCW 43.185B.030 and 1993 c 478 s 6 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 The affordable housing advisory board shall:

19 (1) Analyze those solutions and programs that could begin to
20 address the state's need for housing that is affordable for all
21 economic segments of the state, and special needs populations,
22 including but not limited to programs or proposals which provide for:

23 (a) Financing for the acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, or
24 construction of housing;

25 (b) Use of publicly owned land and buildings as sites for
26 affordable housing;

27 (c) Coordination of state initiatives with federal initiatives and
28 financing programs that are referenced in the Cranston-Gonzalez
29 national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12701 et seq.), as
30 amended, and development of an approved housing strategy as required in
31 the Cranston-Gonzalez national affordable housing act (42 U.S.C. Sec.
32 12701 et seq.), as amended;

33 (d) Identification and removal, where appropriate and not
34 detrimental to the public health and safety, or environment, of state
35 and local regulatory barriers to the development and placement of
36 affordable housing;

1 (e) Stimulating public and private sector cooperation in the
2 development of affordable housing; and

3 (f) Development of solutions and programs affecting housing,
4 including the equitable geographic distribution of housing for all
5 economic segments, as the advisory board deems necessary;

6 (2) Consider both homeownership and rental housing as viable
7 options for the provision of housing. The advisory board shall give
8 consideration to various types of residential construction and
9 innovative housing options, including but not limited to manufactured
10 housing;

11 (3) Review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding existing
12 and proposed housing programs and initiatives including but not limited
13 to tax policies, land use policies, and financing programs. The
14 advisory board shall provide recommendations to the director, along
15 with the department's response in the annual housing report to the
16 legislature required in RCW 43.185B.040; and

17 (4) Prepare and submit to the director and to the legislature, by
18 each December 1st, beginning December 1, 1993, a report (~~detailing~~
19 ~~its~~) that (a) details the board's findings and (b) discusses the
20 measurable relationship between jobs paying less than the self-
21 sufficiency standard, established under section 17 of this act, and
22 housing affordability, and make specific program, legislative, and
23 funding recommendations and any other recommendations it deems
24 appropriate.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct a
28 performance audit of the ending homelessness program every four years.
29 The first audit must be conducted by December 31, 2010. Each audit
30 must take no longer than six months or one hundred thousand dollars to
31 complete.

32 Sec. 20. RCW 43.20A.790 and 1999 c 267 s 2 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (1) The department of social and health services shall collaborate
35 with the department (~~of community, trade, and economic development~~)
36 in the development of (~~the~~) a coordinated and comprehensive plan for

1 homeless families with children (~~required under RCW 43.63A.650, which~~
2 ~~designates the department of community, trade, and economic development~~
3 ~~as the state agency with primary responsibility for providing shelter~~
4 ~~and housing services to homeless families with children. In fulfilling~~
5 ~~its responsibilities to collaborate with the department of community,~~
6 ~~trade, and economic development pursuant to RCW 43.63A.650,)) that must
7 be integrated into the state ending homelessness strategic plan created
8 in RCW 43.185C.040. The department of social and health services shall
9 develop, administer, supervise, and monitor its portion of the plan(~~(-~~
10 ~~The department's portion of the plan shall))~~, which must contain at
11 least the following elements:~~

- 12 (a) Coordination or linkage of services with shelter and housing;
- 13 (b) Accommodation and addressing the needs of homeless families in
14 the design and administration of department programs;
- 15 (c) Participation of the department's local offices in the
16 identification, assistance, and referral of homeless families; and
- 17 (d) Ongoing monitoring of the efficiency and effectiveness of the
18 plan's design and implementation.

19 (2) The department shall include community organizations involved
20 in the delivery of services to homeless families with children, and
21 experts in the development and ongoing evaluation of the plan.

22 (~~(3) The duties under this section shall be implemented within~~
23 ~~amounts appropriated for that specific purpose by the legislature in~~
24 ~~the operating and capital budgets.))~~

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 The department shall collaborate with the Washington state housing
28 finance commission, the affordable housing advisory board, and all
29 local governments, housing authorities, and nonprofits receiving state
30 housing funds, home security funds, or financing through the housing
31 finance commission to include in the state ending homelessness plan, by
32 December 31, 2009, recommendations, where possible:

- 33 (1) To streamline and simplify all housing planning, application,
34 and reporting requirements; and
- 35 (2) For legislative actions that could promote the state goal to
36 end homelessness.

1 **Sec. 22.** RCW 36.18.010 and 2007 c 523 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 County auditors or recording officers shall collect the following
4 fees for their official services:

5 (1) For recording instruments, for the first page eight and one-
6 half by fourteen inches or less, five dollars; for each additional page
7 eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar. The fee for
8 recording multiple transactions contained in one instrument will be
9 calculated for each transaction requiring separate indexing as required
10 under RCW 65.04.050 as follows: The fee for each title or transaction
11 is the same fee as the first page of any additional recorded document;
12 the fee for additional pages is the same fee as for any additional
13 pages for any recorded document; the fee for the additional pages may
14 be collected only once and may not be collected for each title or
15 transaction;

16 (2) For preparing and certifying copies, for the first page eight
17 and one-half by fourteen inches or less, three dollars; for each
18 additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, one
19 dollar;

20 (3) For preparing noncertified copies, for each page eight and one-
21 half by fourteen inches or less, one dollar;

22 (4) For administering an oath or taking an affidavit, with or
23 without seal, two dollars;

24 (5) For issuing a marriage license, eight dollars, (this fee
25 includes taking necessary affidavits, filing returns, indexing, and
26 transmittal of a record of the marriage to the state registrar of vital
27 statistics) plus an additional five-dollar fee for use and support of
28 the prevention of child abuse and neglect activities to be transmitted
29 monthly to the state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund
30 plus an additional ten-dollar fee to be transmitted monthly to the
31 state treasurer and deposited in the state general fund. The
32 legislature intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the
33 revenue generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced
34 homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

35 (6) For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

36 (7) For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery
37 plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one

1 dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED,
2 That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

3 (8) For recording of miscellaneous records not listed above, for
4 the first page eight and one-half by fourteen inches or less, five
5 dollars; for each additional page eight and one-half by fourteen inches
6 or less, one dollar;

7 (9) For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing
8 system, a surcharge as provided in RCW 36.22.170;

9 (10) For recording an emergency nonstandard document as provided in
10 RCW 65.04.047, fifty dollars, in addition to all other applicable
11 recording fees;

12 (11) For recording instruments, a two-dollar surcharge to be
13 deposited into the Washington state heritage center account created in
14 RCW 43.07.129;

15 (12) For recording instruments, a surcharge as provided in RCW
16 36.22.178; (~~and~~)

17 (13) For recording instruments, except for documents recording a
18 birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents otherwise exempted
19 from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as provided in RCW
20 36.22.179 (as recodified by this act); and

21 (14) For recording instruments, except for documents recording a
22 birth, marriage, divorce, or death or any documents otherwise exempted
23 from a recording fee under state law, a surcharge as provided in RCW
24 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act).

25 **Sec. 23.** RCW 43.185C.150 and 2005 c 484 s 21 are each amended to
26 read as follows:

27 This chapter does not require either the department or any local
28 government to expend any funds to accomplish the goals of this chapter
29 other than the revenues authorized in chapter 484, Laws of 2005 and the
30 revenues authorized in RCW 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act).
31 However, neither the department nor any local government may use any
32 funds authorized in chapter 484, Laws of 2005 or the revenues
33 authorized in RCW 36.22.1791 (as recodified by this act) to supplant or
34 reduce any existing expenditures of public money for the reduction or
35 prevention of homelessness or services for homeless persons.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** RCW 36.22.179, 36.22.1791, 43.20A.790, and
2 43.63A.650 are each recodified as sections in chapter 43.185C RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** The department of community, trade, and
4 economic development shall contract with the Washington institute for
5 public policy to conduct a study to determine the most effective,
6 accurate, and comprehensive way for counties and the state of
7 Washington to measure and evaluate the societal cost of homelessness.
8 The department shall not spend more than one hundred thousand dollars
9 on the study, and the results of the study must be presented to the
10 appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30, 2009.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** If specific funding for the purposes of
12 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
13 provided by June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act
14 is null and void.

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