

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6337

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TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY--SALE TO CITIES--USE AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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Yeas 61 Nays 36

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6337** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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March 30, 2016

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Darneille, Miloscia, McCoy, Hasegawa, Conway, and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to disposing tax foreclosed property to cities
2 for affordable housing purposes; and amending RCW 36.35.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.35.150 and 2001 c 299 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The county legislative authority may dispose of tax
7 foreclosed property by private negotiation, without a call for bids,
8 for not less than the principal amount of the unpaid taxes in any of
9 the following cases: ~~((+1))~~ (a) When the sale is to any governmental
10 agency and for public purposes; ~~((+2))~~ (b) when the county
11 legislative authority determines that it is not practical to build on
12 the property due to the physical characteristics of the property or
13 legal restrictions on construction activities on the property;
14 ~~((+3))~~ (c) when the property has an assessed value of less than five
15 hundred dollars and the property is sold to an adjoining landowner;
16 or ~~((+4))~~ (d) when no acceptable bids were received at the attempted
17 public auction of the property, if the sale is made within twelve
18 months from the date of the attempted public auction.

19 (2) Except when a county legislative authority purchases the tax-
20 foreclosed property for public purposes, the county legislative
21 authority must give notice to any city in which any tax foreclosed

1 property is located within at least sixty days of acquiring such
2 property, and the county may not dispose of the property at public
3 auction or by private negotiation before giving such notice. The
4 notice must offer the city the opportunity to purchase the property
5 for the original minimum bid under RCW 84.64.080, together with any
6 direct costs incurred by the county in the sale. If the city chooses
7 to purchase the property, the following conditions apply:

8 (a) The city must accept the offer within thirty days of
9 receiving notice, unless the county agrees to extend the offer;

10 (b) The city must provide that the property is suitable and will
11 be used for an affordable housing development as defined in RCW
12 36.130.010; and

13 (c) The city must agree to transfer the property to a local
14 housing authority or other nonprofit entity eligible to receive
15 assistance from the affordable housing program under chapter 43.185A
16 RCW. The city must be reimbursed by the housing authority or other
17 nonprofit entity for the amount the city paid to purchase the
18 property together with any direct costs incurred by the city in the
19 transfer to the housing authority or other nonprofit entity.

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