

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5077

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate

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Yeas 57 Nays 41

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

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 5077** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Angel, Darneille, Padden, Wilson, Rolfes, Keiser, Mullet, Wellman, Conway, and Saldaña)

READ FIRST TIME 01/26/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to allowing the department of corrections to
2 provide temporary housing assistance to individuals being released
3 from certain corrections centers for women; amending RCW 72.02.100;
4 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.02.100 and 2012 c 117 s 455 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Any person serving a sentence for a term of confinement in a
9 state correctional facility for convicted felons, pursuant to court
10 commitment, who is thereafter released upon an order of parole of the
11 indeterminate sentence review board, or who is discharged from
12 custody upon expiration of sentence, or who is ordered discharged
13 from custody by a court of appropriate jurisdiction, shall be
14 entitled to retain his or her earnings from labor or employment while
15 in confinement and shall be supplied by the superintendent of the
16 state correctional facility with suitable and presentable clothing,
17 the sum of forty dollars for subsistence, and transportation by the
18 least expensive method of public transportation not to exceed the
19 cost of one hundred dollars to his or her place of residence or the
20 place designated in his or her parole plan, or to the place from
21 which committed if such person is being discharged on expiration of

1 sentence, or discharged from custody by a court of appropriate
2 jurisdiction: PROVIDED, That up to sixty additional dollars may be
3 made available to the parolee for necessary personal and living
4 expenses upon application to and approval by such person's community
5 corrections officer. If in the opinion of the superintendent suitable
6 arrangements have been made to provide the person to be released with
7 suitable clothing and/or the expenses of transportation, the
8 superintendent may consent to such arrangement. If the superintendent
9 has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be released has
10 ample funds, with the exception of earnings from labor or employment
11 while in confinement, to assume the expenses of clothing,
12 transportation, or the expenses for which payments made pursuant to
13 (~~RCW 72.02.100~~) this section or RCW 72.02.110 or any one or more of
14 such expenses, the person released shall be required to assume such
15 expenses.

16 (2) Within existing resources, the department of corrections may
17 provide temporary housing assistance for a person being released from
18 the Washington corrections center for women or mission creek
19 corrections center for women through the use of rental vouchers, for
20 a period not to exceed three months, if such assistance will support
21 the person's release into the community. The department's authority
22 to provide vouchers under this section is independent of its
23 authority under RCW 9.94A.729.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) By November 1, 2020, and in compliance
25 with RCW 43.01.036, the department of corrections must submit a
26 report to the legislature detailing, to the extent possible:

27 (a) The number of individuals provided with housing assistance
28 pursuant to RCW 72.02.100(2);

29 (b) The ability of the individual to maintain housing at the
30 conclusion of the rental voucher period; and

31 (c) The recidivism rate of those provided with housing
32 assistance.

33 (2) This section expires December 31, 2020.

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