

SSB 6168 - S AMD 1208

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1 On page 507, after line 24, insert the following:

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3 **"Sec. 925.** RCW 43.185C.050 and 2018 c 85 s 5 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Each local homeless housing task force shall prepare and
6 recommend to its local government legislative authority a five-year
7 homeless housing plan for its jurisdictional area, which shall be
8 not inconsistent with the department's statewide guidelines issued
9 by December 1, 2018, and thereafter the department's five-year
10 homeless housing strategic plan, and which shall be aimed at
11 eliminating homelessness. The local government may amend the
12 proposed local plan and shall adopt a plan by December 1, 2019.
13 Performance in meeting the goals of this local plan shall be
14 assessed annually in terms of the performance measures published by
15 the department. Local plans may include specific local performance
16 measures adopted by the local government legislative authority, and
17 may include recommendations for any state legislation needed to meet
18 the state or local plan goals.

19 (2) Eligible activities under the local plans include:

20 (a) Rental and furnishing of dwelling units for the use of
21 homeless persons;

22 (b) Costs of developing affordable housing for homeless persons,
23 and services for formerly homeless individuals and families residing
24 in transitional housing or permanent housing and still at risk of
25 homelessness;

26 (c) Operating subsidies for transitional housing or permanent
27 housing serving formerly homeless families or individuals;

1 (d) Services to prevent homelessness, such as emergency eviction
2 prevention programs including temporary rental subsidies to prevent
3 homelessness;

4 (e) Temporary services to assist persons leaving state
5 institutions and other state programs to prevent them from becoming
6 or remaining homeless;

7 (f) Outreach services for homeless individuals and families;

8 (g) Development and management of local homeless plans including
9 homeless census data collection; identification of goals,
10 performance measures, strategies, and costs and evaluation of
11 progress towards established goals;

12 (h) Rental vouchers payable to landlords for persons who are
13 homeless or below thirty percent of the median income or in
14 immediate danger of becoming homeless; (~~and~~)

15 (i) Other activities to reduce and prevent homelessness as
16 identified for funding in the local plan; and

17 (j) For the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, security and sanitation
18 services related to homeless encampments and populations.

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20 **Sec. 926.** RCW 43.185C.060 and 2018 c 85 s 6 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) The home security fund account is created in the state
23 treasury, subject to appropriation. The state's portion of the
24 surcharge established in RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791 must be
25 deposited in the account. Expenditures from the account may be used
26 only for homeless housing programs as described in this chapter and
27 during the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium to provide grants to local
28 government for security or sanitation services related to homeless
29 encampments and populations.

30 (2) The department must distinguish allotments from the account
31 made to carry out the activities in RCW 43.330.167, 43.330.700
32 through 43.330.715, 43.330.911, 43.185C.010, 43.185C.250 through
33 43.185C.320, and 36.22.179(1)(b).

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1 (3) The office of financial management must secure an
2 independent expenditure review of state funds received under RCW
3 36.22.179(1)(b) on a biennial basis. The purpose of the review is to
4 assess the consistency in achieving policy priorities within the
5 private market rental housing segment for housing persons
6 experiencing homelessness. The independent reviewer must notify the
7 department and the office of financial management of its findings.
8 The first biennial expenditure review, for the 2017-2019 fiscal
9 biennium, is due February 1, 2020. Independent reviews conducted
10 thereafter are due February 1st of each even-numbered year.

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12 **Sec. 927.** RCW 43.185C.090 and 2005 c 484 s 13 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

14 The department shall allocate grant moneys from the *homeless
15 housing account to finance in whole or in part programs and projects
16 in approved local homeless housing plans to assist homeless
17 individuals and families gain access to adequate housing, prevent
18 at-risk individuals from becoming homeless, address the root causes
19 of homelessness, track and report on homeless-related data, provide
20 grants to local government for security or sanitation services
21 related to homeless encampments and populations during the 2019-2021
22 fiscal biennium, and facilitate the movement of homeless or formerly
23 homeless individuals along the housing continuum toward more stable
24 and independent housing. The department may issue criteria or
25 guidelines to guide local governments in the application process."

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30 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "28B.145.050", insert
"43.185C.050, 43.185C.060, 43.185C.090,"

EFFECT: Authorizes local governments to use their homeless
funds for security and sanitation services related to homeless
encampments and populations. Authorizes Commerce to use home
security funding for grants for security and sanitation services
related to homeless encampments and populations.

FISCAL EFFECT (2019-2021): \$0 Near General Fund-State/\$0 Total
Funds
FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EFFECT: \$0 Near General Fund-State

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