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1 AN ACT Relating to relocation assistance for tenants of closed or
2 converted manufactured/mobile home parks; and amending RCW 59.21.005
3 and 59.21.021.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 59.21.005 and 2019 c 390 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The legislature recognizes that it is quite costly for tenants
8 who own homes in manufactured/mobile home parks to relocate when the
9 park in which they reside is closed or converted to another use. Many
10 such tenants need financial assistance in order to relocate from a
11 manufactured/mobile home park. The purpose of this chapter is to
12 provide a mechanism for assisting manufactured/mobile home tenants to
13 relocate their manufactured/mobile homes to suitable alternative
14 sites or (~~demolish and dispose of their homes and~~) to secure
15 alternative housing of their choice.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 59.21.021 and 2019 c 390 s 3 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) If a manufactured/mobile home park is closed or converted to
19 another use, eligible tenants shall be entitled to relocation
20 assistance on a first-come, first-serve basis. The department shall

1 give priority for distribution of relocation assistance to eligible
2 tenants residing in parks that are closed as a result of park-owner
3 fraud or as a result of health and safety concerns as determined by
4 the local board of health. Payments shall be made upon the
5 department's verification of eligibility, subject to the availability
6 of remaining funds.

7 (2) Eligibility for relocation assistance funds is limited to
8 low-income households.

9 (3) ~~((a))~~ Eligible tenants who relocate are entitled to
10 financial assistance from the fund, up to a maximum of twelve
11 thousand dollars for a multisection home and up to a maximum of seven
12 thousand five hundred dollars for a single-section home. The
13 department shall distribute relocation assistance for each eligible
14 tenant ~~((as follows:~~

15 ~~(i) Up to forty percent of the total assistance may be~~
16 ~~disbursed))~~ in the form of cash assistance to help the tenant secure
17 ~~((new))~~ alternative housing ~~((; and~~

18 ~~(ii) The remainder of the total assistance shall be disbursed as~~
19 ~~reimbursement for costs associated with relocation.~~

20 ~~(b) To receive financial assistance as provided in (a) (i) of this~~
21 ~~subsection, documentation must be provided to the department that~~
22 ~~demonstrates the tenant:~~

23 ~~(i) Has relocated the home;~~

24 ~~(ii) Has established a process to secure the relocation of the~~
25 ~~home by having assigned the right to reimbursement of the relocation~~
26 ~~costs and liability for such removal or demolition and disposal to~~
27 ~~another entity; or~~

28 ~~(iii) Has contracted to incur expenses associated with relocating~~
29 ~~the home.~~

30 ~~(c) If the tenant is requesting financial assistance under~~
31 ~~(b) (ii) or (iii) of this subsection, the tenant, or the assignee on~~
32 ~~the tenant's behalf, must submit as part of the application described~~
33 ~~in RCW 59.21.050(2):~~

34 ~~(i) Proof of the assignation; and~~

35 ~~(ii) Evidence that the assignee is capable of fulfilling the~~
36 ~~obligation itself or a contract or invoice for relocation of the home~~
37 ~~executed with a vendor by the tenant or the assignee)).~~

38 (4) Any individual or organization may apply to receive ~~((funds))~~
39 relocation assistance from the fund, for use in combination with

1 funds from public or private sources, toward relocation of tenants
2 eligible under this section, with agreement from the tenant.

3 (5) The legislature intends the cash assistance provided under
4 subsection (3) (~~(a)(i)~~) of this section to be considered a one-time
5 direct grant payment that shall be excluded from household income
6 calculations for purposes of determining the eligibility of the
7 recipient for benefits or assistance under any state program financed
8 in whole or in part with state funds.

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