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**By** Representatives Donaghy, Ryu, Macri, Ramel, Walen, Paul, Frame, and Taylor

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1 AN ACT Relating to changing the definition of first-time home  
2 buyer; and amending RCW 43.185A.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.185A.010 and 2013 c 145 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) "Affordable housing" means residential housing for rental  
9 occupancy which, as long as the same is occupied by low-income  
10 households, requires payment of monthly housing costs, including  
11 utilities other than telephone, of no more than thirty percent of the  
12 family's income. The department must adopt policies for residential  
13 homeownership housing, occupied by low-income households, which  
14 specify the percentage of family income that may be spent on monthly  
15 housing costs, including utilities other than telephone, to qualify  
16 as affordable housing.

17 (2) "Contracted amount" has the same meaning as provided in RCW  
18 43.185.020.

19 (3) "Department" means the department of commerce.

20 (4) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

1 (5) "First-time home buyer" means (~~(a)~~) an individual who meets  
2 any of the following criteria:

3 (a) An individual or (~~(his or her)~~) the individual's spouse (~~(or~~  
4 domestic partner)) who (~~(have not owned a home)~~) has had no ownership  
5 in a principal residence during the three-year period (~~(prior to~~  
6 purchase of a home)) ending on the date of purchase of the property;

7 (b) A single parent who has only owned a home with a former  
8 spouse while married;

9 (c) An individual who is a displaced homemaker as defined in 24  
10 C.F.R. Sec. 93.2 as it exists on the effective date of this section,  
11 or such subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,  
12 consistent with the purposes of this section, and has only owned a  
13 home with a spouse;

14 (d) An individual who has only owned a principal residence not  
15 permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with  
16 applicable rules and regulations; or

17 (e) An individual who has only owned a property that is discerned  
18 by a licensed building inspector as being uninhabitable.

19 (6) "Low-income household" means a single person, family or  
20 unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income is less than  
21 eighty percent of the median family income, adjusted for household  
22 size, for the county where the project is located.

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