SENATE BILL 5398

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1 AN ACT Relating to domestic violence funding allocation; and 2 amending RCW 70.123.090.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 70.123.090 and 2015 c 275 s 8 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 The department is authorized, under this chapter and the rules 7 adopted to effectuate its purposes, to make available grants awarded 8 on a contract basis to public or private nonprofit agencies, organizations, or individuals providing community-based domestic 9 10 violence services, emergency shelter services, domestic violence 11 hotline or information and referral services, and prevention efforts 12 established meeting minimum standards by the department. 13 ((Consideration as to need, geographic location, population ratios, the needs of specific underserved and cultural populations, and the 14 15 extent of existing services shall be made in the award of grants.)) 16 Seventy-one percent of funding shall be allocated evenly to contracted programs statewide. Twenty-nine percent of funding shall 17 18 be distributed proportionately based upon bed capacity. The 19 department shall provide consultation to any nonprofit organization 20 desiring to apply for the contracts if the organization does not

- 1 possess the resources and expertise necessary to develop and transmit
- 2 an application without assistance.

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