

SSB 5998 - S AMD 772
By Senator Dozier

NOT ADOPTED 02/27/2026

1 On page 2, line 9, increase the General Fund—State Appropriation
2 (FY 2027) by \$125,000

3 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

4 On page 2, after line 11, insert the following:

5 "The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
6 conditions and limitations: \$125,000 of the general fund—state
7 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for the task
8 force on housing cost driver analysis established in section 907 of
9 this act."

10 On page 2, line 18, increase the General Fund—State Appropriation
11 (FY 2027) by \$125,000

12 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

13 On page 2, after line 20, insert the following:

14 "The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
15 conditions and limitations: \$125,000 of the general fund—state
16 appropriation for fiscal year 2027 is provided solely for the task
17 force on housing cost driver analysis established in section 907 of
18 this act."

19 On page 49, line 17, decrease the General Fund—State
20 Appropriation (FY 2026) by \$250,000

21 On page 49, line 19, decrease the General Fund—State
22 Appropriation (FY 2027) by \$250,000

23 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

24 On page 60, beginning on line 13, strike all of subsection (30)

25 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
26 internal references accordingly.

1 On page 538, after line 17, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 907.** A new section is added to 2025 c 424
3 (uncodified) to read as follows:

4 (1) A legislative task force on housing cost driver analysis is
5 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

6 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
7 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

8 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
9 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
10 representatives.

11 (c) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives jointly shall appoint the following members:

13 (i) Two economists with expertise in the economic disciplines
14 most relevant to the issue of housing cost drivers;

15 (ii) One member representing nonprofit developers of rental
16 housing;

17 (iii) One member representing nonprofit developers of housing for
18 homeownership;

19 (iv) One member representing for-profit housing developers;

20 (v) One member representing builders;

21 (vi) One member from a statewide organization representing
22 building trades labor;

23 (vii) One member representing realtors;

24 (viii) One member representing cities;

25 (ix) One member representing counties;

26 (x) One member representing tenants;

27 (xi) One member representing landlords who provide at least 10
28 rental housing units;

29 (xii) One member representing landlords who provide no more than
30 two rental housing units;

31 (xiii) One member from a statewide association representing real
32 estate appraisers;

33 (xiv) One member representing home mortgage lenders;

34 (xv) One member representing multifamily lenders;

35 (xvi) One member representing utility providers;

36 (xvii) One member representing public housing authorities;

37 (xviii) One member representing the Washington state housing
38 finance commission;

39 (xix) One member representing the office of equity;

1 (xx) One member representing the carpenters union;
2 (xxi) One member from a statewide association representing
3 business; and
4 (xxii) One member from an organization representing architects.
5 (2) The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its
6 legislative membership. The legislative membership shall convene the
7 initial meeting of the task force. The task force may not meet more
8 than three times, and all task force meetings must be held virtually.
9 (3) The task force shall research, analyze, and determine the
10 primary cost drivers for homeownership and rental housing in
11 Washington state.
12 (4) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
13 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
14 program research.
15 (5) The task force, in completing the duties prescribed by this
16 section, shall solicit and consider information and perspectives
17 provided by the affordable housing advisory board and persons and
18 entities with relevant interest and expertise.
19 (6) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
20 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
21 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
22 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
23 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
24 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.
25 (7) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
26 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
27 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
28 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
29 successor committees.
30 (8) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
31 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1,
32 2027."

33 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
34 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Removes funding to support the task force on the establishment of a department of housing and provides funding for a legislative task force to research, analyze, and determine, the

primary cost drivers for homeownership and rental housing in Washington state.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2025-2027): -\$250,000 Near General Fund—
State/-\$250,000 Total Funds.

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: -\$250,000 Near General Fund
—State.

--- **END** ---