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By House Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Thomas, Fitzgibbon, Zahn, Street, Fosse, Reed, Parshley, Cortes, Hill, Bernbaum, and Ramel)

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the reimbursement cap for moving
2 and relocation expenses incurred by persons affected by agency
3 displacements; and amending RCW 8.26.035.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 8.26.035 and 2017 c 12 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Whenever a program or project to be undertaken by a
8 displacing agency will result in the displacement of any person, the
9 displacing agency shall provide for the payment to the displaced
10 person of:

11 (a) Actual reasonable expenses in moving himself or herself, or
12 his or her family, business, farm operation, or other personal
13 property;

14 (b) Actual direct losses of tangible personal property as a
15 result of moving or discontinuing a business or farm operation, but
16 not to exceed an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that would
17 have been required to relocate the property, in accordance with
18 criteria established by the lead agency;

19 (c) Actual reasonable expenses in searching for a replacement
20 business or farm; and

1 (d) Actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a
2 displaced farm, nonprofit organization, or small business at its new
3 site, in accordance with criteria established by the lead agency, but
4 not to exceed (~~(fifty thousand dollars or the)~~):

5 (i) \$200,000; or

6 (ii) The dollar amount allowed under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 4622 as it
7 existed on July 23, 2017, or such subsequent date as may be provided
8 by the displacing agency by rule or regulation, consistent with the
9 purposes of this section, whichever is greater.

10 (2) A displaced person eligible for payments under subsection (1)
11 of this section who is displaced from a dwelling and who elects to
12 accept the payments authorized by this subsection in lieu of the
13 payments authorized by subsection (1) of this section may receive an
14 expense and dislocation allowance determined according to a schedule
15 established by the lead agency.

16 (3) A displaced person eligible for payments under subsection (1)
17 of this section who is displaced from the person's place of business
18 or farm operation and who is eligible under criteria established by
19 the lead agency may elect to accept the payment authorized by this
20 subsection in lieu of the payment authorized by subsection (1) of
21 this section. The payment shall consist of a fixed payment in an
22 amount to be determined according to criteria established by the lead
23 agency, except that the payment shall be not less than the dollar
24 amount allowed under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 4622 as it existed on July 23,
25 2017, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the displacing
26 agency by rule or regulation, consistent with the purposes of this
27 section. A person whose sole business at the displacement dwelling is
28 the rental of that property to others does not qualify for a payment
29 under this subsection.

30 (4) Beginning August 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the lead
31 agency shall adjust the dollar amount specified in subsection
32 (1)(d)(i) of this section for inflation, as measured by the consumer
33 price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers, CPI-W, or a
34 successor index, for the 12 months prior to each July 1st, as
35 calculated by the United States department of labor's bureau of labor
36 statistics. The adjusted dollar amount calculated under this
37 subsection takes effect on the following September 1st.

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