SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1808

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By House Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Zahn, Low, Parshley, Thomas, Scott, Ramel, Gregerson, Doglio, Eslick, Reed, Fosse, Ormsby, Nance, Salahuddin, Macri, Hill, Street, and Obras)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the affordable homeownership 2 revolving loan fund program; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 3 and 43.84.092; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; providing an 4 effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The definitions in this section apply 7 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires 8 otherwise.

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(1) "Department" means the department of commerce.

10 (2) "Eligible organizations" mean nonprofit developers building 11 permanently affordable homeownership for sale to low-income 12 households.

(3) "Low-income household" means a single person, family, or unrelated persons living together whose adjusted income does not exceed 80 percent of the median family income adjusted for family size, for the county or the metropolitan area where the affordable housing is located, as reported by the United States department of housing and urban development, whichever is larger.

19 (4) "Permanently affordable homeownership" means homeownership 20 that, in addition to meeting the definition of "affordable housing" 21 in RCW 43.185A.010, is: (a) Sponsored by a nonprofit organization or governmental entity
 and the sponsor organization:

3 (i) Executes a new ground lease or deed restriction with a 4 duration of at least 99 years at the initial sale and with each 5 successive sale; and

6 (ii) Supports homeowners and enforces the ground lease or deed 7 restriction; and

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(b) Subject to a ground lease or deed restriction that includes:

9 (i) A resale restriction designed to provide affordability for 10 future low-income and moderate-income homebuyers;

(ii) A right of first refusal for the sponsor organization to purchase the home at resale; and

13 (iii) A requirement that the sponsor organization must approve 14 any refinancing, including home equity lines of credit.

15 (5) "Program" means the affordable homeownership revolving loan 16 fund program created under this chapter.

17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. The program is created in the department 18 to provide loans to eligible organizations to finance affordable 19 homeownership construction for low-income households, subject to the 20 availability of amounts appropriated for the specific purposes 21 provided in this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The affordable homeownership revolving loan fund account is created in the state treasury. Revenues to the account shall consist of appropriations by the legislature, loan repayments, and all other sources deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for purposes of the program created in this chapter.

29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 4. Under the program, the department may 30 administer loans to eligible organizations to assist with the 31 development of housing for low-income households subject to the 32 following considerations:

33 (1) Loans must be awarded to eligible organizations based on 34 criteria established by the department, including at least the 35 following:

36 (a) Readiness to proceed with construction, including possession37 of necessary permits and completed land use entitlements;

(b) Amount and commitment of capital being leveraged as part of
 the financing for the project, including public funding;

3 (c) Proposed cost efficiency;

4 (d) Development location, with the goal of awarding funding to
5 projects in as many areas of the state as financially feasible and
6 viable;

7 (e) The applicant's qualifications and demonstrated capability to 8 develop the proposed project; and

9 (f) Any other criteria established by the department, provided 10 that such criteria may not exceed the priority of any other criterion 11 listed in this subsection (1).

12 (2) Any housing financed under the program must serve low-income 13 households for at least 99 years; however, the department, in 14 consultation with program awardees, may establish a longer time 15 period.

16 (3) Loans awarded under this section may not exceed 50 percent of 17 the total project costs of the housing to be developed. The 18 department may exceed this maximum allowable loan amount for cause.

19 (4) Loans awarded under this section may be used in combination 20 with private sector loans or any other source of capital as 21 recognized by the department.

(5) The department must structure loans issued pursuant to this 22 section with an interest rate above one percent, but not exceeding 23 2.5 percent. Repayment of loans administered under this section is 24 25 due after all of the homes included in the financed project are sold, except as required by rules established by the department. All 26 receipts from repayment of loans administered under this section must 27 be deposited into the affordable homeownership revolving loan fund 28 account created in section 3 of this act. 29

30 (6) Upon receipt and repayment, any interest earnings and repaid 31 loan funds must be tracked separately from other revenue and must be 32 reloaned to qualifying applicants to finance additional permanently 33 affordable homeownership under the program.

34 (7) All loans issued pursuant to this section must be assumable35 under terms and conditions established by the department.

36 (8) Loan recipients must:

37 (a) Commit to beginning construction within 180 days of 38 contracting the loan;

39 (b) Adhere to the evergreen sustainable development standard 40 adopted by the department;

(c) File an annual compliance report containing information as
 specified by the department; and

3 (d) Restrict use of awarded loan funding to eligible costs of4 housing as defined under RCW 43.180.020.

5 (9) The department must:

6 (a) Establish criteria and procedures for long-term monitoring of 7 housing affordability and compliance under the program. The 8 department may charge monitoring fees; and

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(b) Establish annual reporting requirements for loan recipients.

10 (10) The department shall adopt policies necessary to administer 11 the program established in this section and section 2 of this act.

12 (11) No department general funds shall be expended to implement 13 this program. The department may use up to three percent of the 14 biennial appropriation from the affordable homeownership revolving 15 loan fund account created in section 3 of this act for administrative 16 costs related to the program.

17 Sec. 5. RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 4 and 2024 C 168 s 12 are 18 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which account is hereby established in the state treasury.

22 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the 23 24 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no 25 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest 26 27 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of 28 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management 29 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require 30 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the 31 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash 32 management improvement act. The office of financial management may direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to 33 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and 34 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the 35 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this 36 37 section.

(3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasuryincome account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking

services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

8 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings 9 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall 10 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the 11 treasury income account except:

12 The following accounts and funds shall receive their (a) proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's 13 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational 14 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the affordable 15 16 homeownership revolving loan fund account, the Alaskan Way viaduct 17 replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund, the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement account, the 18 19 capitol building construction account, the Central Washington University capital projects account, the charitable, educational, 20 21 penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the clean fuels credit 22 23 account, the clean fuels transportation investment account, the 24 cleanup settlement account, the climate active transportation 25 account, the climate transit programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply development account, the Columbia river basin 26 taxable bond water supply development account, the Columbia river 27 basin water supply revenue recovery account, the common school 28 29 construction fund, the community forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, the county arterial preservation account, the 30 31 county criminal justice assistance account, the covenant 32 homeownership account, the deferred compensation administrative 33 account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department of licensing services account, the department of retirement systems 34 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services 35 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the opioid abatement 36 settlement account, the drinking water assistance account, the 37 administrative subaccount of the drinking water assistance account, 38 39 the early learning facilities development account, the early learning 40 facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University

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1 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal 2 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the 3 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund 4 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

5 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts 6 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury 7 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury 8 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall 9 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's 10 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

11 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state 12 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated 13 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

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12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 4 of this act 13 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 8. Section 5 of this act expires July 1, 15 2028.

16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 9. Section 6 of this act takes effect July 1, 17 2028.

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