SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1724

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By House Housing, Human Services & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Macri, Ryu, Berry, Taylor, Wicks, Valdez, Morgan, Bateman, Davis, Goodman, Gregerson, Peterson, Santos, Simmons, Chopp, Pollet, Stonier, Ormsby, Harris-Talley, and Kloba)

AN ACT Relating to ensuring oversight and coordination 1 of 2 permanent supportive housing resources to maximize the creation of 3 high quality housing opportunities for people living with disabling conditions 4 in communities across Washington; amending RCW 5 43.185B.020; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section. 6

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

8 1. The legislature recognizes permanent NEW SECTION. Sec. supportive housing as an evidence-based practice to ending the cycle 9 10 of chronic homelessness and creating affordable housing for people 11 living with behavioral health conditions, other disabling conditions, 12 and extremely low incomes. The legislature finds that as greater investment has been allocated for permanent supportive 13 housing 14 capital, operations, maintenance, and services in order to meet the 15 need in communities across the state, greater coordination of state 16 and local resources is required to ensure these resources are being 17 leveraged effectively so that the maximum number of high quality 18 permanent supportive housing units are created each year. Therefore, 19 the legislature intends to create a permanent supportive housing 20 provide advice, advisory committee to recommendations, and 21 stakeholder engagement of resource coordination to bring high quality

1 permanent supportive housing to scale as efficiently as possible and 2 to add a permanent supportive housing representative to the 3 affordable housing advisory board.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.330
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) An advisory committee on permanent supportive housing is 7 established with members as provided in this section.

8 (a) One representative of the aging and long-term support 9 administration at the department of social and health services;

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(b) One representative of the health care authority;

11 (c) One representative of the developmental disabilities 12 administration;

13 (d) One representative from a city that invests resources in 14 permanent supportive housing;

15 (e) One representative from a city with the largest number of 16 chronically homeless households;

17 (f) One representative from a county that invests resources in 18 permanent supportive housing;

19 (g) One representative from a county with the largest number of 20 chronically homeless households;

(h) One representative of public housing authorities as created under chapter 35.82 RCW;

23 (i) One permanent supportive housing service provider;

24 (j) One permanent supportive housing developer;

25 (k) One permanent supportive housing building operator;

26 (1) One permanent supportive housing resident;

27 (m) One permanent supportive housing researcher;

28 (n) One permanent supportive housing advocate;

29 (o) One representative from the behavioral health sector;

30 (p) One representative of the health care sector; and

31 (q) One representative of each of the following permanent 32 supportive housing populations:

33 (i) Single adults;

34 (ii) Older adults over age 55;

35 (iii) Families with children;

36 (iv) The American Indian and Alaska Native community;

37 (v) Communities of color;

38 (vi) The LGBTQIA+ community;

39 (vii) The intellectual and developmental disability community;

1 (viii) The mental health disability community;

2 (ix) The substance use disorder community; and

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(x) The physical disability community.

4 (2)(a) The members of the advisory committee shall be appointed 5 by the director. Members must reflect the geographic, racial, and 6 ethnic diversity of the state of Washington and be inclusive of 7 historically marginalized communities.

8 (b) The members of the advisory committee must be reimbursed for 9 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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- (3) The advisory committee shall:
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- (a) Select a chair from among its membership;

12 (b) Meet quarterly;

(c) Provide guidance and recommendations on the administration of permanent supportive housing resources managed by the department, including recommendations to ensure alignment of capital, services, and operating investments and fidelity with the provision of permanent supportive housing as defined in RCW 36.70A.030; and

(d) Until December 31, 2027, report its recommendations to enhance the coordination and availability of permanent supportive housing to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor by December 1st of each year.

(4) The director and the director of the office of supportive housing shall regularly consult with the advisory committee. The department shall convene the advisory committee for its initial meeting no later than November 1, 2022. The advisory committee shall be staffed by the department.

27 Sec. 3. RCW 43.185B.020 and 2003 c 40 s 1 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

29 (1) The department shall establish the affordable housing
 30 advisory board to consist of ((twenty-two)) <u>23</u> members.

31 (a) The following ((nineteen)) <u>20</u> members shall be appointed by 32 the governor:

33 (i) Two representatives of the residential construction industry;

34 (ii) Two representatives of the home mortgage lending profession;

35 (iii) One representative of the real estate sales profession;

36 (iv) One representative of the apartment management and operation 37 industry;

38 (v) One representative of the for-profit housing development 39 industry; 1

(vi) One representative of for-profit rental housing owners;

2 (vii) One representative of the nonprofit housing development 3 industry;

4 (viii) One representative of homeless shelter operators;

5 (ix) One representative of lower-income persons;

6 (x) One representative of special needs populations;

7 (xi) One representative of public housing authorities as created 8 under chapter 35.82 RCW;

9 (xii) Two representatives of the Washington association of 10 counties, one representative shall be from a county that is located 11 east of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

12 (xiii) Two representatives of the association of Washington 13 cities, one representative shall be from a city that is located east 14 of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

15 (xiv) One representative to serve as chair of the affordable 16 housing advisory board;

17 (xv) <u>One representative of organizations that operate site-based</u> 18 permanent supportive housing and deliver onsite supportive housing 19 <u>services; and</u>

20 <u>(xvi)</u> One representative at large.

21 (b) The following three members shall serve as ex officio, 22 nonvoting members:

23 (i) The director or the director's designee;

(ii) The executive director of the Washington state housingfinance commission or the executive director's designee; and

26 (iii) The secretary of social and health services or the 27 secretary's designee.

28 (2) (a) The members of the affordable housing advisory board appointed by the governor shall be appointed for four-year terms, 29 except that the chair shall be appointed to serve a two-year term. 30 31 The terms of five of the initial appointees shall be for two years 32 from the date of appointment and the terms of six of the initial 33 appointees shall be for three years from the date of appointment. The governor shall designate the appointees who will serve the two-year 34 and three-year terms. The members of the advisory board shall serve 35 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as 36 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. 37

38 (b) The governor, when making appointments to the affordable 39 housing advisory board, shall make appointments that reflect the 40 cultural diversity of the state of Washington. 1 (3) The affordable housing advisory board shall serve as the 2 department's principal advisory body on housing and housing-related 3 issues, and replaces the department's existing boards and task forces 4 on housing and housing-related issues.

5 (4) The affordable housing advisory board shall meet regularly 6 and may appoint technical advisory committees, which may include 7 members of the affordable housing advisory board, as needed to 8 address specific issues and concerns.

9 (5) The department, in conjunction with the Washington state 10 housing finance commission and the department of social and health 11 services, shall supply such information and assistance as are deemed 12 necessary for the advisory board to carry out its duties under this 13 section.

14 (6) The department shall provide administrative and clerical 15 assistance to the affordable housing advisory board.

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