
HOUSE BILL 2522

State of Washington

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By Representatives Ormsby and Ryu; by request of Office of Financial Management

1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget
2 stabilization account to alleviate the issue of homelessness;
3 creating a new section; making appropriations; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington
7 state experiences the fifth highest per capita rate of unsheltered
8 homelessness in the nation. There are approximately ten thousand
9 people living outside or in places that are unsafe and unfit for
10 human habitation on a given night in our state. Sections 2 through 4
11 of this act appropriate over three hundred million dollars from the
12 budget stabilization account to address the immediate crisis of
13 unsheltered homelessness. The intent of these appropriations is to
14 move thousands of unsheltered individuals indoors and into stable
15 housing quickly. The amounts appropriated will be provided to the
16 department of commerce for a new sheltering grant program, a
17 transitional housing pilot program for homeless youth, an expansion
18 of the essential needs and housing assistance program, permanent
19 supportive housing, improvements to affordable housing and
20 homelessness data collection, and for the housing trust fund for
21 additional enhanced homeless shelters and to enhance existing shelter

1 facilities. Additional funding will be provided to the department of
2 social and health services to make improvements to the aged, blind,
3 or disabled assistance program. Funding will also be provided to the
4 department of ecology for assistance grants to local governments to
5 remediate waste and material generated by homeless encampments and
6 for the department of ecology to remediate or remove waste and
7 material from vacated homeless encampments.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—
9 HOME SECURITY FUND ACCOUNT. The sum of \$18,499,000 is appropriated
10 from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June
11 30, 2020, and the sum of \$262,177,000 is appropriated from the budget
12 stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The
13 appropriations in this section are provided solely for expenditure
14 into the home security fund account and are intended to provide
15 sufficient funding for homeless response program expenditures during
16 the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—
18 WASHINGTON HOUSING TRUST FUND. The sum of \$30,000,000 is appropriated
19 from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal year ending June
20 30, 2021. The appropriation in this section is provided solely for
21 expenditure into the Washington housing trust fund and is intended to
22 provide sufficient funding for additional homeless shelters and
23 enhancements to existing shelters during the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023
24 fiscal biennia.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—
26 MODEL TOXICS CONTROL OPERATING ACCOUNT. The sum of \$8,000,000 is
27 appropriated from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal
28 year ending June 30, 2021. The appropriation provided in this section
29 is solely for expenditure into the model toxics control operating
30 account and is intended to provide sufficient funding to remove
31 solid, hazardous, and infectious waste generated by vacated homeless
32 encampments during the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 fiscal biennia.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
2 effect immediately.

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