

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1986.

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CHAPTER 248

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 4933]

LOW-INCOME HOUSING—CITIES, TOWNS, AND COUNTIES MAY PROVIDE LOANS OR GRANTS

AN ACT Relating to low-income housing; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW to read as follows:

A city or town may assist in the development or preservation of publicly or privately owned housing for persons of low income by providing loans or grants of general municipal funds to the owners or developers of the housing. The loans or grants shall be authorized by the legislative authority of the city or town. They may be made to finance all or a portion of the cost of construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of housing that will be occupied by a person or family of low income. As used in this section, "low income" means income that does not exceed eighty percent of the median income for the standard metropolitan statistical area in which the city or town is located. Housing constructed with loans or grants made under this section shall not be considered public works or improvements subject to competitive bidding or a purchase of services subject to the prohibition against advance payment for services: PROVIDED, That whenever feasible the borrower or grantee shall make every reasonable and practicable effort to utilize a competitive public bidding process.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 36.32 RCW to read as follows:

A county may assist in the development or preservation of publicly or privately owned housing for persons of low income by providing loans or grants of general county funds to the owners or developers of the housing. The loans or grants shall be authorized by the legislative authority of a county. They may be made to finance all or a portion of the cost of construction, reconstruction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of housing that will be occupied by a person or family of low income. As used in this section,

"low income" means income that does not exceed eighty percent of the median income for the standard metropolitan statistical area in which the county is located. Housing constructed with loans or grants made under this section shall not be considered public works or improvements subject to competitive bidding or a purchase of services subject to the prohibition against advance payment for services: PROVIDED, That whenever feasible the borrower or grantee shall make every reasonable and practicable effort to utilize a competitive public bidding process.

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CHAPTER 249

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4968]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION FUND

AN ACT Relating to administrative funding of the unemployment insurance program; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The provisions of RCW 50.16.070 to the contrary notwithstanding, one million five hundred thousand dollars shall be transferred from the federal interest payment fund to the unemployment compensation administration fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect March 31, 1986.

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CHAPTER 250

[Substitute House Bill No. 803]

CRIMINAL MISTREATMENT OF CHILDREN OR DEPENDENT PERSONS

AN ACT Relating to criminal mistreatment; adding a new chapter to Title 9A RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Basic necessities of life" means food, shelter, clothing, and health care.