

HOUSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2018 STATE LEGISLATURE

HB 1570 (Macri) Document Recording Fee – Increases and makes the fee permanent, while removing some of the restrictions on fee revenue and uses.

HB 2578 (Riccelli) Source of Income Discrimination – Establishes the nation’s toughest restrictions on income discrimination in housing, creates mitigation fund to help landlords repair and maintain affordable units.

HB 2382 (Ryu) Underutilized Public Land – Helps identify and make available at no or reduced cost public properties that are suitable for affordable housing development.

HB 2667 (Macri) HEN/ABD Eligibility – Expands eligibility for the Housing and Essential Needs program to people who receive Aged, Blind, Disabled support from the state.

This update to the law will ensure housing stability for many people in Washington living with long term disabilities who are at risk of homelessness. (We included an emergency clause because there is a gentleman in Seattle who was going to be evicted on March 30th without this bill – which the Governor signed on 3/13!)

SB 6371 (Mullet) HFC Capacity and Eligibility – Increases the Housing Finance Commission’s debt capacity and makes broader range of public entities eligible for HFC loans.

HB 2444 (Slatter) LIHTC REET Exemption – Codifies Real Estate Excise Tax exemption for ‘year 15’ transfers of LIHTC properties.

HB 2538 (McBride) Impact Fee Exemption – Exempts homeless and domestic violence shelters from impact fees.

HB 2261 (MacEwan) Contributions to Housing Authorities – Clarifies that local governments can make monetary and in-kind contributions to housing authorities so long as contributions aren’t used to pay staff salaries.

HB 1085 (Blake) – Tiny Homes – Gives local governments the authority to modify minimum floor-space requirements to accommodate innovative forms of affordable housing.

SB 6560 (Darnielle) Youth Discharged into Homelessness – Directs DCYF & the Office of Homeless Youth to develop a plan to ensure that no unaccompanied youth is discharged from a public funded system of care into homelessness. Also requires DOL to issue an identicard to every youth scheduled for release from juvenile rehabilitation (absolutely essential to receive public services/housing/etc).

Housing in the Capital Budget(s)

- \$108m for the Housing Trust Fund, including:
 - \$24m for supportive housing
 - \$12m for innovative models like modular housing and small homes
 - \$10m for preservation of existing affordable units
 - \$2.5m for Broadway Home for youth
- \$6m for affordable housing/brownfields redevelopment
- \$23.5m for Weatherization
- \$80m for community behavioral health facilities
- \$3m for predevelopment and feasibility work on innovative housing projects that use alternative materials, structures, or parcels.