EIGHTY FIFTH DAY

NOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia Monday, April 5, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 o'clock noon by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all Senators were present.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard presented the Colors.

Mr. Trygve, Mr. Leif, Mr. Erik and Mr. Anders Pedersen led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. They are the sons of Senator Pedersen.

Father Iweh offered the prayer. Father Iweh was a guest of Senator Fortunato.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Liias the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was approved.

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

April 3, 2021

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Speaker has signed:

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1007, SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1037, HOUSE BILL NO. 1055, SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1064. ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1068, ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1070, ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1085, ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1090, HOUSE BILL NO. 1104, HOUSE BILL NO. 1115, SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1145, HOUSE BILL NO. 1159,

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1171, ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1199,

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1206.

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1214, HOUSE BILL NO. 1237,

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1294,

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1309,

HOUSE BILL NO. 1315,

HOUSE BILL NO. 1378,

HOUSE BILL NO. 1393,

HOUSE BILL NO. 1437,

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1471,

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1491.

1480

HOUSE BILL NO. 1525.

and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

April 3, 2021

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Speaker has signed SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5267.

and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

April 2, 2021

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed:

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1080, and the same are herewith transmitted.

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.

MOTION

Senator Wilson, C. moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8620

By Senators Wilson, C., Cleveland, Das, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Warnick, and Wellman

WHEREAS, April 7th is World Health Day; and

WHEREAS, Access to the outdoors can promote health for all people; and

WHEREAS, Over 23 percent of people in Washington state identify as having a disability; and

WHEREAS, To truly achieve our equity goals, our state must promote the health and overall well-being of people with disabilities, respect their dignity and needs, and include them in meaningful opportunities for recreation and growth; and

WHEREAS, Washington state's beautiful outdoor spaces include a world-class network of hiking trails, awe-inspiring landmarks like Mt. Rainier, the Olympic National Rainforest, the Ginko Petrified Forest, and more, which provide unique and endless opportunities for exploration, education, and play; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Leadership Board, a statutory nonprofit organization, is directed by the State Legislature to promote opportunities for youth, including youth with disabilities, and does so through its two-year Boundless Washington program; and

WHEREAS, Boundless Washington is a statewide program that seeks to turn Washington state's equity goals into a reality by creating opportunities for young people with disabilities to explore the outdoors and build their leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, The Boundless Washington program has attracted support from prominent local sports teams, including the Seattle Storm and the Seattle Mariners, due to its emphasis on equity for young people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Boundless Washington program operates in partnership with our state's premier outdoor disability service provider, Outdoors for All; and the nationally-acclaimed No Barriers organization; and

WHEREAS, The Boundless Washington program was inspired by Erik Weihenmayer, the first blind person to summit Mt. Everest, and aims to instill the same sense of audacity and potential in each of the Boundless Washington fellows; and

WHEREAS, The Boundless Washington program was created through a partnership between the Washington State Leadership Board and the Lieutenant Governor's office; and

WHEREAS, The Boundless Washington program recently accepted its second cohort of young leaders with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The inaugural Boundless Washington cohort has demonstrated great resilience and creativity for the past year, remaining active and engaged while practicing social distancing; and

WHEREAS, The Boundless Washington fellows exhibit the care for community, independent-mindedness, and self-confidence that characterize good leadership and inspire those around them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate reaffirm the importance of the Boundless Washington program in promoting strong, equitable leadership in Washington state, and commend the Boundless Washington fellows: Noah Sutherland, Ayden Harris, Charles Johnson, Grace Perleberg, Ritika Khanal, Jaida Barrows, Derrek Butterfield, Josiah Morrow, Kelhana Miller, Finn Paynich, Annie Guo, and Wesley McNutt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Leadership Board staff to share with the Boundless Washington fellows and their families.

Senator Wilson, C. spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution. The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8620.

The motion by Senator Wilson, C. carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: "The President would like to extend a personal apology to the Minority Floor Leader, Senator Short. The President would like to extend a personal apology to Senator Short for his egregious oversight on Saturday of the acknowledgement and celebration of your birthday. I am very pleased, however, to report to you that we were able to give you a pretty incredible birthday present later that evening."

MOTION

At 12:11 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Senate was called to order at 2:24 p.m. by President Heck.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 32 of the State Constitution and Senate Rule 1(5), the President announced the signing of and thereupon did sign in open session:

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1007, SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1037, HOUSE BILL NO. 1055, SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1064.

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                          HOUSE BILL NO. 1437.
               ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1471,
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO.
                                          1480.
                          HOUSE BILL NO. 1491,
                       and HOUSE BILL NO. 1525.
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MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, the Senate reverted to the sixth order of business.

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1469, by Representatives Wicks, Vick, Robertson, Sutherland and Chambers

Concerning enhanced raffle procedures.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Keiser, the rules were suspended, House Bill No. 1469 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Keiser and King spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1469.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1469 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 1; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Absent: Senator Van De Wege

HOUSE BILL NO. 1469, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Randall, Senator Van De Wege was excused

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1209, by House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Bronoske, Cody, Sells, Walen, Lekanoff, Peterson, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Taylor, Shewmake, Santos, Thai, Ortiz-Self, Dolan, Gregerson, Hackney, Callan, Valdez, Riccelli, Macri and Goodman)

Concerning immunity protection for nonmedical assistance.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the rules were suspended, Substitute House Bill No. 1209 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Pedersen and Padden spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1209.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1209 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Van De Wege

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1209, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1482, by Representatives Walsh, Orwall, Lekanoff, Leavitt, Sutherland, Jacobsen, Dufault and Pollet

Addressing foreclosure protections for homeowners in common interest communities.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Pedersen moved that the following committee striking amendment by the Committee on Law & Justice be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

- "Sec. 1. RCW 64.90.485 and 2019 c 238 s 211 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The association has a statutory lien on each unit for any unpaid assessment against the unit from the time such assessment is due.
- (2) A lien under this section has priority over all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except:
- (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the declaration and, in a cooperative, liens and encumbrances that the association creates, assumes, or takes subject to;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, a security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due or, in a cooperative, a security interest encumbering only the unit owner's interest and perfected before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due; and
- (c) Liens for real estate taxes and other state or local governmental assessments or charges against the unit or cooperative.
- (3)(a) A lien under this section also has priority over the security interests described in subsection (2)(b) of this section to the extent of an amount equal to the following:
- (i) The common expense assessments, excluding any amounts for capital improvements, based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to RCW 64.90.480(1), along with any specially allocated assessments that are properly assessable against the unit under such periodic budget, which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the six months immediately preceding the institution of proceedings to foreclose either the association's lien or a security interest described in subsection (2)(b) of this section;
- (ii) The association's actual costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in foreclosing its lien but incurred after the giving of the notice described in (a)(iii) of this subsection; provided, however, that the costs and reasonable attorneys' fees that will have priority under this subsection (3)(a)(ii) shall not exceed two thousand dollars or an amount equal to the amounts described in (a)(i) of this subsection, whichever is less;
- (iii) The amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection shall be prior only to the security interest of the holder of a security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due and only if the association has given that holder not less than sixty days' prior written notice that the owner of the unit is in default in payment of an assessment. The notice shall contain:
 - (A) Name of the borrower;
 - (B) Recording date of the trust deed or mortgage;
 - (C) Recording information;
- (D) Name of condominium, unit owner, and unit designation stated in the declaration or applicable supplemental declaration;
 - (E) Amount of unpaid assessment; and
- (F) A statement that failure to, within sixty days of the written notice, submit the association payment of six months of assessments as described in (a)(i) of this subsection will result in the priority of the amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection; and
- (iv) Upon payment of the amounts described in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection by the holder of a security interest, the association's lien described in this subsection (3)(a) shall thereafter be fully subordinated to the lien of such holder's

security interest on the unit.

- (b) For the purposes of this subsection:
- (i) "Institution of proceedings" means either:
- (A) The date of recording of a notice of trustee's sale by a deed of trust beneficiary;
- (B) The date of commencement, pursuant to applicable court rules, of an action for judicial foreclosure either by the association or by the holder of a recorded security interest; or
- (C) The date of recording of a notice of intention to forfeit in a real estate contract forfeiture proceeding by the vendor under a real estate contract.
- (ii) "Capital improvements" does not include making, in the ordinary course of management, repairs to common elements or replacements of the common elements with substantially similar items, subject to: (A) Availability of materials and products, (B) prevailing law, or (C) sound engineering and construction standards then prevailing.
- (c) The adoption of a periodic budget that purports to allocate to a unit any fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees and costs incurred for services unrelated to the foreclosure of the association's lien, other collection charges, or specially allocated assessments assessed under RCW 64.90.480 (6) or (7) does not cause any such items to be included in the priority amount affecting such unit.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not affect the priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens to the extent that law of this state other than chapter 277, Laws of 2018 gives priority to such liens, or the priority of liens for other assessments made by the association.
 - (5) A lien under this section is not subject to chapter 6.13 RCW.
- (6) If the association forecloses its lien under this section nonjudicially pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW, as provided under subsection (13) of this section, the association is not entitled to the lien priority provided for under subsection (3) of this section, and is subject to the limitations on deficiency judgments as provided in chapter 61.24 RCW.
- (7) Unless the declaration provides otherwise, if two or more associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the same property, those liens have equal priority as to each other, and any foreclosure of one such lien shall not affect the lien of the other.
- (8) Recording of the declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the statutory lien created under this section. Further notice or recordation of any claim of lien for assessment under this section is not required, but is not prohibited.
- (9) A lien for unpaid assessments and the personal liability for payment of those assessments are extinguished unless proceedings to enforce the lien or collect the debt are instituted within six years after the full amount of the assessments sought to be recovered becomes due.
- (10) This section does not prohibit actions against unit owners to recover sums for which subsection (1) of this section creates a lien or prohibit an association from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure.
- (11) The association upon written request must furnish to a unit owner or a mortgagee a statement signed by an officer or authorized agent of the association setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments or the priority amount against that unit, or both. The statement must be furnished within fifteen days after receipt of the request and is binding on the association, the board, and every unit owner unless, and to the extent, known by the recipient to be false. The liability of a recipient who reasonably relies upon the statement must not exceed the amount set forth in any statement furnished pursuant to this section or RCW 64.90.640(1)(b).
 - (12) In a cooperative, upon nonpayment of an assessment on a

- unit, the unit owner may be evicted in the same manner as provided by law in the case of an unlawful holdover by a commercial tenant, and the lien may be foreclosed as provided under this section.
- (13) The association's lien may be foreclosed in accordance with (a) and (b) of this subsection.
- (a) In a common interest community other than a cooperative, the association's lien may be foreclosed judicially in accordance with chapter 61.12 RCW, subject to any rights of redemption under chapter 6.23 RCW.
- (b) The lien may be enforced nonjudicially in the manner set forth in chapter 61.24 RCW for nonjudicial foreclosure of deeds of trust if the declaration: Contains a grant of the common interest community in trust to a trustee qualified under RCW 61.24.010 to secure the obligations of the unit owners to the association for the payment of assessments, contains a power of sale, provides in its terms that the units are not used principally for agricultural purposes, and provides that the power of sale is operative in the case of a default in the obligation to pay assessments. The association or its authorized representative may purchase the unit at the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the unit. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a deficiency judgment in a judicial foreclosure action, the period of redemption is eight months.
- (c) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the units are real estate, the association's lien must be foreclosed in like manner as a mortgage on real estate or by power of sale under (b) of this subsection.
- (d) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the units are personal property, the association's lien must be foreclosed in like manner as a security interest under chapter 62A.9A RCW.
- (14) If the unit owner's interest in a unit in a cooperative is real estate, the following requirements apply:
- (a) The association, upon nonpayment of assessments and compliance with this subsection, may sell that unit at a public sale or by private negotiation, and at any time and place. The association must give to the unit owner and any lessee of the unit owner reasonable notice in a record of the time, date, and place of any public sale or, if a private sale is intended, of the intention of entering into a contract to sell and of the time and date after which a private conveyance may be made. Such notice must also be sent to any other person that has a recorded interest in the unit that would be cut off by the sale, but only if the recorded interest was on record seven weeks before the date specified in the notice as the date of any public sale or seven weeks before the date specified in the notice as the date after which a private sale may be made. The notices required under this subsection may be sent to any address reasonable in the circumstances. A sale may not be held until five weeks after the sending of the notice. The association may buy at any public sale and, if the sale is conducted by a fiduciary or other person not related to the association, at a private sale.
- (b) Unless otherwise agreed to or as stated in this section, the unit owner is liable for any deficiency in a foreclosure sale.
- (c) The proceeds of a foreclosure sale must be applied in the following order:
 - (i) The reasonable expenses of sale;
- (ii) The reasonable expenses of securing possession before sale; the reasonable expenses of holding, maintaining, and preparing the unit for sale, including payment of taxes and other governmental charges and premiums on insurance; and, to the extent provided for by agreement between the association and the unit owner, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and other legal expenses incurred by the association:
 - (iii) Satisfaction of the association's lien;

- (iv) Satisfaction in the order of priority of any subordinate claim of record; and
 - (v) Remittance of any excess to the unit owner.
- (d) A good-faith purchaser for value acquires the unit free of the association's debt that gave rise to the lien under which the foreclosure sale occurred and any subordinate interest, even though the association or other person conducting the sale failed to comply with this section. The person conducting the sale must execute a conveyance to the purchaser sufficient to convey the unit and stating that it is executed by the person after a foreclosure of the association's lien by power of sale and that the person was empowered to make the sale. Signature and title or authority of the person signing the conveyance as grantor and a recital of the facts of nonpayment of the assessment and of the giving of the notices required under this subsection are sufficient proof of the facts recited and of the authority to sign. Further proof of authority is not required even though the association is named as grantee in the conveyance.
- (e) At any time before the association has conveyed a unit in a cooperative or entered into a contract for its conveyance under the power of sale, the unit owners or the holder of any subordinate security interest may cure the unit owner's default and prevent sale or other conveyance by tendering the performance due under the security agreement, including any amounts due because of exercise of a right to accelerate, plus the reasonable expenses of proceeding to foreclosure incurred to the time of tender, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the creditor.
- (15) In an action by an association to collect assessments or to foreclose a lien on a unit under this section, the court may appoint a receiver to collect all sums alleged to be due and owing to a unit owner before commencement or during pendency of the action. The receivership is governed under chapter 7.60 RCW. During pendency of the action, the court may order the receiver to pay sums held by the receiver to the association for any assessments against the unit. The exercise of rights under this subsection by the association does not affect the priority of preexisting liens on the unit
- (16) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the holder of a mortgage or other purchaser of a unit who obtains the right of possession of the unit through foreclosure is not liable for assessments or installments of assessments that became due prior to such right of possession. Such unpaid assessments are deemed to be common expenses collectible from all the unit owners, including such mortgagee or other purchaser of the unit. Foreclosure of a mortgage does not relieve the prior unit owner of personal liability for assessments accruing against the unit prior to the date of such sale as provided in this subsection.
- (17) In addition to constituting a lien on the unit, each assessment is the joint and several obligation of the unit owner of the unit to which the same are assessed as of the time the assessment is due. A unit owner may not exempt himself or herself from liability for assessments. In a voluntary conveyance other than by foreclosure, the grantee of a unit is jointly and severally liable with the grantor for all unpaid assessments against the grantor up to the time of the grantor's conveyance, without prejudice to the grantee's right to recover from the grantor the amounts paid by the grantee. Suit to recover a personal judgment for any delinquent assessment is maintainable in any court of competent jurisdiction without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing such sums.
- (18) The association may from time to time establish reasonable late charges and a rate of interest to be charged, not to exceed the maximum rate calculated under RCW 19.52.020, on all subsequent delinquent assessments or installments of assessments. If the association does not establish such a rate,

- delinquent assessments bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate calculated under RCW 19.52.020 on the date on which the assessments became delinquent.
- (19) The association is entitled to recover any costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of delinquent assessments, whether or not such collection activities result in a suit being commenced or prosecuted to judgment. The prevailing party is also entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees in such suits, including any appeals, if it prevails on appeal and in the enforcement of a judgment.
- (20) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the declaration may provide for such additional remedies for collection of assessments as may be permitted by law.
- (21) An association may not commence an action to foreclose a lien on a unit under this section unless:
- (a) The unit owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at least a sum equal to ((at least three months of common expense assessments)) the greater of:
- (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account; or
- (ii) \$200 of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account;
- (b) At or after the date that assessments have become past due for at least 90 days, the association has mailed, by first-class mail, to the owner, at the unit address and to any other address which the owner has provided to the association, a notice of delinquency, which shall state as follows:

THIS IS A NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY FOR PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS

FROM THE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION TO WHICH YOUR HOME BELONGS.

THIS NOTICE IS ONE STEP IN A PROCESS THAT COULD RESULT IN YOUR LOSING YOUR HOME.

CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might benefit. DO NOT DELAY.

BE CAREFUL of people who claim they can help you. There are many individuals and businesses that prey upon borrowers in distress.

REFER TO THE CONTACTS BELOW for sources of assistance.

SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission

Telephone: Website:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Telephone: Website:

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys

Telephone: Website:

The association shall obtain the toll-free numbers and website information from the department of commerce for inclusion in the notice;

(c) At least 180 days have elapsed from the date the minimum

amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and

- ((((b))) (<u>d)</u> The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that unit.
- (22) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 64.90.485 and 2021 c ... s 1 (section 1 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The association has a statutory lien on each unit for any unpaid assessment against the unit from the time such assessment is due.
- (2) A lien under this section has priority over all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except:
- (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the declaration and, in a cooperative, liens and encumbrances that the association creates, assumes, or takes subject to;
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, a security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due or, in a cooperative, a security interest encumbering only the unit owner's interest and perfected before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due; and
- (c) Liens for real estate taxes and other state or local governmental assessments or charges against the unit or cooperative.
- (3)(a) A lien under this section also has priority over the security interests described in subsection (2)(b) of this section to the extent of an amount equal to the following:
- (i) The common expense assessments, excluding any amounts for capital improvements, based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to RCW 64.90.480(1), along with any specially allocated assessments that are properly assessable against the unit under such periodic budget, which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the six months immediately preceding the institution of proceedings to foreclose either the association's lien or a security interest described in subsection (2)(b) of this section;
- (ii) The association's actual costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in foreclosing its lien but incurred after the giving of the notice described in (a)(iii) of this subsection; provided, however, that the costs and reasonable attorneys' fees that will have priority under this subsection (3)(a)(ii) shall not exceed two thousand dollars or an amount equal to the amounts described in (a)(i) of this subsection, whichever is less;
- (iii) The amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection shall be prior only to the security interest of the holder of a security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the unpaid assessment became due and only if the association has given that holder not less than sixty days' prior written notice that the owner of the unit is in default in payment of an assessment. The notice shall contain:
 - (A) Name of the borrower;
 - (B) Recording date of the trust deed or mortgage;
 - (C) Recording information;
- (D) Name of condominium, unit owner, and unit designation stated in the declaration or applicable supplemental declaration;
 - (E) Amount of unpaid assessment; and
- (F) A statement that failure to, within sixty days of the written notice, submit the association payment of six months of assessments as described in (a)(i) of this subsection will result in the priority of the amounts described in (a)(ii) of this subsection; and
- (iv) Upon payment of the amounts described in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection by the holder of a security interest, the association's lien described in this subsection (3)(a) shall thereafter be fully subordinated to the lien of such holder's

- security interest on the unit.
 - (b) For the purposes of this subsection:
 - (i) "Institution of proceedings" means either:
- (A) The date of recording of a notice of trustee's sale by a deed of trust beneficiary;
- (B) The date of commencement, pursuant to applicable court rules, of an action for judicial foreclosure either by the association or by the holder of a recorded security interest; or
- (C) The date of recording of a notice of intention to forfeit in a real estate contract forfeiture proceeding by the vendor under a real estate contract.
- (ii) "Capital improvements" does not include making, in the ordinary course of management, repairs to common elements or replacements of the common elements with substantially similar items, subject to: (A) Availability of materials and products, (B) prevailing law, or (C) sound engineering and construction standards then prevailing.
- (c) The adoption of a periodic budget that purports to allocate to a unit any fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees and costs incurred for services unrelated to the foreclosure of the association's lien, other collection charges, or specially allocated assessments assessed under RCW 64.90.480 (6) or (7) does not cause any such items to be included in the priority amount affecting such unit.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not affect the priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens to the extent that law of this state other than chapter 277, Laws of 2018 gives priority to such liens, or the priority of liens for other assessments made by the association.
 - (5) A lien under this section is not subject to chapter 6.13 RCW.
- (6) If the association forecloses its lien under this section nonjudicially pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW, as provided under subsection (13) of this section, the association is not entitled to the lien priority provided for under subsection (3) of this section, and is subject to the limitations on deficiency judgments as provided in chapter 61.24 RCW.
- (7) Unless the declaration provides otherwise, if two or more associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the same property, those liens have equal priority as to each other, and any foreclosure of one such lien shall not affect the lien of the other.
- (8) Recording of the declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the statutory lien created under this section. Further notice or recordation of any claim of lien for assessment under this section is not required, but is not prohibited.
- (9) A lien for unpaid assessments and the personal liability for payment of those assessments are extinguished unless proceedings to enforce the lien or collect the debt are instituted within six years after the full amount of the assessments sought to be recovered becomes due.
- (10) This section does not prohibit actions against unit owners to recover sums for which subsection (1) of this section creates a lien or prohibit an association from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure.
- (11) The association upon written request must furnish to a unit owner or a mortgagee a statement signed by an officer or authorized agent of the association setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments or the priority amount against that unit, or both. The statement must be furnished within fifteen days after receipt of the request and is binding on the association, the board, and every unit owner unless, and to the extent, known by the recipient to be false. The liability of a recipient who reasonably relies upon the statement must not exceed the amount set forth in any statement furnished pursuant to this section or RCW 64.90.640(1)(b).
 - (12) In a cooperative, upon nonpayment of an assessment on a

- unit, the unit owner may be evicted in the same manner as provided by law in the case of an unlawful holdover by a commercial tenant, and the lien may be foreclosed as provided under this section.
- (13) The association's lien may be foreclosed in accordance with (a) and (b) of this subsection.
- (a) In a common interest community other than a cooperative, the association's lien may be foreclosed judicially in accordance with chapter 61.12 RCW, subject to any rights of redemption under chapter 6.23 RCW.
- (b) The lien may be enforced nonjudicially in the manner set forth in chapter 61.24 RCW for nonjudicial foreclosure of deeds of trust if the declaration: Contains a grant of the common interest community in trust to a trustee qualified under RCW 61.24.010 to secure the obligations of the unit owners to the association for the payment of assessments, contains a power of sale, provides in its terms that the units are not used principally for agricultural purposes, and provides that the power of sale is operative in the case of a default in the obligation to pay assessments. The association or its authorized representative may purchase the unit at the foreclosure sale and acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the unit. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a deficiency judgment in a judicial foreclosure action, the period of redemption is eight months.
- (c) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the units are real estate, the association's lien must be foreclosed in like manner as a mortgage on real estate or by power of sale under (b) of this subsection.
- (d) In a cooperative in which the unit owners' interests in the units are personal property, the association's lien must be foreclosed in like manner as a security interest under chapter 62A.9A RCW.
- (14) If the unit owner's interest in a unit in a cooperative is real estate, the following requirements apply:
- (a) The association, upon nonpayment of assessments and compliance with this subsection, may sell that unit at a public sale or by private negotiation, and at any time and place. The association must give to the unit owner and any lessee of the unit owner reasonable notice in a record of the time, date, and place of any public sale or, if a private sale is intended, of the intention of entering into a contract to sell and of the time and date after which a private conveyance may be made. Such notice must also be sent to any other person that has a recorded interest in the unit that would be cut off by the sale, but only if the recorded interest was on record seven weeks before the date specified in the notice as the date of any public sale or seven weeks before the date specified in the notice as the date after which a private sale may be made. The notices required under this subsection may be sent to any address reasonable in the circumstances. A sale may not be held until five weeks after the sending of the notice. The association may buy at any public sale and, if the sale is conducted by a fiduciary or other person not related to the association, at a private sale.
- (b) Unless otherwise agreed to or as stated in this section, the unit owner is liable for any deficiency in a foreclosure sale.
- (c) The proceeds of a foreclosure sale must be applied in the following order:
 - (i) The reasonable expenses of sale;
- (ii) The reasonable expenses of securing possession before sale; the reasonable expenses of holding, maintaining, and preparing the unit for sale, including payment of taxes and other governmental charges and premiums on insurance; and, to the extent provided for by agreement between the association and the unit owner, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and other legal expenses incurred by the association;

- (iii) Satisfaction of the association's lien;
- (iv) Satisfaction in the order of priority of any subordinate claim of record; and
 - (v) Remittance of any excess to the unit owner.
- (d) A good-faith purchaser for value acquires the unit free of the association's debt that gave rise to the lien under which the foreclosure sale occurred and any subordinate interest, even though the association or other person conducting the sale failed to comply with this section. The person conducting the sale must execute a conveyance to the purchaser sufficient to convey the unit and stating that it is executed by the person after a foreclosure of the association's lien by power of sale and that the person was empowered to make the sale. Signature and title or authority of the person signing the conveyance as grantor and a recital of the facts of nonpayment of the assessment and of the giving of the notices required under this subsection are sufficient proof of the facts recited and of the authority to sign. Further proof of authority is not required even though the association is named as grantee in the conveyance.
- (e) At any time before the association has conveyed a unit in a cooperative or entered into a contract for its conveyance under the power of sale, the unit owners or the holder of any subordinate security interest may cure the unit owner's default and prevent sale or other conveyance by tendering the performance due under the security agreement, including any amounts due because of exercise of a right to accelerate, plus the reasonable expenses of proceeding to foreclosure incurred to the time of tender, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the creditor.
- (15) In an action by an association to collect assessments or to foreclose a lien on a unit under this section, the court may appoint a receiver to collect all sums alleged to be due and owing to a unit owner before commencement or during pendency of the action. The receivership is governed under chapter 7.60 RCW. During pendency of the action, the court may order the receiver to pay sums held by the receiver to the association for any assessments against the unit. The exercise of rights under this subsection by the association does not affect the priority of preexisting liens on the unit
- (16) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the holder of a mortgage or other purchaser of a unit who obtains the right of possession of the unit through foreclosure is not liable for assessments or installments of assessments that became due prior to such right of possession. Such unpaid assessments are deemed to be common expenses collectible from all the unit owners, including such mortgagee or other purchaser of the unit. Foreclosure of a mortgage does not relieve the prior unit owner of personal liability for assessments accruing against the unit prior to the date of such sale as provided in this subsection.
- (17) In addition to constituting a lien on the unit, each assessment is the joint and several obligation of the unit owner of the unit to which the same are assessed as of the time the assessment is due. A unit owner may not exempt himself or herself from liability for assessments. In a voluntary conveyance other than by foreclosure, the grantee of a unit is jointly and severally liable with the grantor for all unpaid assessments against the grantor up to the time of the grantor's conveyance, without prejudice to the grantee's right to recover from the grantor the amounts paid by the grantee. Suit to recover a personal judgment for any delinquent assessment is maintainable in any court of competent jurisdiction without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing such sums.
- (18) The association may from time to time establish reasonable late charges and a rate of interest to be charged, not to exceed the maximum rate calculated under RCW 19.52.020, on all subsequent delinquent assessments or installments of

assessments. If the association does not establish such a rate, delinquent assessments bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate calculated under RCW 19.52.020 on the date on which the assessments became delinquent.

- (19) The association is entitled to recover any costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of delinquent assessments, whether or not such collection activities result in a suit being commenced or prosecuted to judgment. The prevailing party is also entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees in such suits, including any appeals, if it prevails on appeal and in the enforcement of a judgment.
- (20) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the declaration may provide for such additional remedies for collection of assessments as may be permitted by law.
- (21) An association may not commence an action to foreclose a lien on a unit under this section unless:
- (a) The unit owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at least a sum equal to the greater of:
- (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account; or
- (ii) \$200 of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account;
- (b) At or after the date that assessments have become past due for at least 90 days, the association has mailed, by first-class mail, to the owner, at the unit address and to any other address which the owner has provided to the association, a notice of delinquency, which shall state as follows:

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(c) At least ((180)) 90 days have elapsed from the date the minimum amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued;

and

- (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that unit.
- (22) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 64.32.200 and 2012 c 117 s 201 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The declaration may provide for the collection of all sums assessed by the association of apartment owners for the share of the common expenses chargeable to any apartment and the collection may be enforced in any manner provided in the declaration including, but not limited to, (a) ten days notice shall be given the delinquent apartment owner to the effect that unless such assessment is paid within ten days any or all utility services will be forthwith severed and shall remain severed until such assessment is paid, or (b) collection of such assessment may be made by such lawful method of enforcement, judicial or extrajudicial, as may be provided in the declaration and/or bylaws.
- (2) All sums assessed by the association of apartment owners but unpaid for the share of the common expenses chargeable to any apartment shall constitute a lien on such apartment prior to all other liens except only (a) tax liens on the apartment in favor of any assessing unit and/or special district, and (b) all sums unpaid on all mortgages of record. Such lien is not subject to the ban against execution or forced sales of homesteads under RCW 6.13.080 and, subject to the provisions in subsection (4) of this section, may be foreclosed by suit by the manager or board of directors, acting on behalf of the apartment owners, in like manner as a mortgage of real property. In any such foreclosure the apartment owner shall be required to pay a reasonable rental for the apartment, if so provided in the bylaws, and the plaintiff in such foreclosures shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver to collect the same. The manager or board of directors, acting on behalf of the apartment owners, shall have power, unless prohibited by the declaration, to bid on the apartment at foreclosure sale, and to acquire and hold, lease, mortgage, and convey the same. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a deficiency judgment, the period of redemption shall be eight months after the sale. Suit to recover any judgment for any unpaid common expenses shall be maintainable without foreclosing or waiving the liens securing the same.
- (3) Where the mortgagee of a mortgage of record or other purchaser of an apartment obtains possession of the apartment as a result of foreclosure of the mortgage, such possessor, his or her successors and assigns shall not be liable for the share of the common expenses or assessments by the association of apartment owners chargeable to such apartment which became due prior to such possession. Such unpaid share of common expenses of assessments shall be deemed to be common expenses collectible from all of the apartment owners including such possessor, his or her successors and assigns.
- (4) An association, or the manager or board of directors on its behalf, may not commence an action to foreclose a lien on an apartment under this section unless:
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- Sec. 4. RCW 64.32.200 and 2021 c ... s 3 (section 3 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:
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- (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that apartment.
- (5) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.
- **Sec. 5.** RCW 64.34.364 and 2013 c 23 s 175 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The association has a lien on a unit for any unpaid assessments levied against a unit from the time the assessment is due
- (2) A lien under this section shall be prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except: (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recording of the declaration; (b) a mortgage on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent; and (c) liens for real property taxes and other governmental assessments or charges against the unit. A lien under this section is not subject to the provisions of chapter 6.13 RCW.
- (3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the lien shall also be prior to the mortgages described in subsection (2)(b) of this section to the extent of assessments for common expenses, excluding any amounts for capital improvements, based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to RCW 64.34.360(1) which would have become due during the six months immediately preceding the date of a sheriff's sale in an action for judicial foreclosure by either the association or a mortgagee, the date of a trustee's sale in a nonjudicial foreclosure by a mortgagee, or the date of recording of the declaration of forfeiture in a proceeding by the vendor under a real estate contract.
- (4) The priority of the association's lien against units encumbered by a mortgage held by an eligible mortgagee or by a mortgagee which has given the association a written request for a notice of delinquent assessments shall be reduced by up to three months if and to the extent that the lien priority under subsection (3) of this section includes delinquencies which relate to a period after such holder becomes an eligible mortgagee or has given such notice and before the association gives the holder a written notice of the delinquency. This subsection does not affect the priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens, or the priority of liens for other assessments made by the association.
- (5) If the association forecloses its lien under this section nonjudicially pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW, as provided by subsection (9) of this section, the association shall not be entitled to the lien priority provided for under subsection (3) of this section.
- (6) Unless the declaration otherwise provides, if two or more associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the same real estate, those liens have equal priority.
- (7) Recording of the declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the lien for assessments. While no further recording of any claim of lien for assessment under this section shall be required to perfect the association's lien, the association may record a notice of claim of lien for assessments under this section

- in the real property records of any county in which the condominium is located. Such recording shall not constitute the written notice of delinquency to a mortgagee referred to in subsection (2) of this section.
- (8) A lien for unpaid assessments and the personal liability for payment of assessments is extinguished unless proceedings to enforce the lien or collect the debt are instituted within three years after the amount of the assessments sought to be recovered becomes due.
- (9) The lien arising under this section may be enforced judicially by the association or its authorized representative in the manner set forth in chapter 61.12 RCW. The lien arising under this section may be enforced nonjudicially in the manner set forth in chapter 61.24 RCW for nonjudicial foreclosure of deeds of trust if the declaration (a) contains a grant of the condominium in trust to a trustee qualified under RCW 61.24.010 to secure the obligations of the unit owners to the association for the payment of assessments, (b) contains a power of sale, (c) provides in its terms that the units are not used principally for agricultural or farming purposes, and (d) provides that the power of sale is operative in the case of a default in the obligation to pay assessments. The association or its authorized representative shall have the power, unless prohibited by the declaration, to purchase the unit at the foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a deficiency judgment in a judicial foreclosure action, the period of redemption shall be eight months. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an association from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure.
- (10) From the time of commencement of an action by the association to foreclose a lien for nonpayment of delinquent assessments against a unit that is not occupied by the owner thereof, the association shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver to collect from the lessee thereof the rent for the unit as and when due. If the rental is not paid, the receiver may obtain possession of the unit, refurbish it for rental up to a reasonable standard for rental units in this type of condominium, rent the unit or permit its rental to others, and apply the rents first to the cost of the receivership and attorneys' fees thereof, then to the cost of refurbishing the unit, then to applicable charges, then to costs, fees, and charges of the foreclosure action, and then to the payment of the delinquent assessments. Only a receiver may take possession and collect rents under this subsection, and a receiver shall not be appointed less than ninety days after the delinquency. The exercise by the association of the foregoing rights shall not affect the priority of preexisting liens on the unit.
- (11) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the holder of a mortgage or other purchaser of a unit who obtains the right of possession of the unit through foreclosure shall not be liable for assessments or installments thereof that became due prior to such right of possession. Such unpaid assessments shall be deemed to be common expenses collectible from all the unit owners, including such mortgagee or other purchaser of the unit. Foreclosure of a mortgage does not relieve the prior owner of personal liability for assessments accruing against the unit prior to the date of such sale as provided in this subsection.
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- (16) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the declaration may provide for such additional remedies for collection of assessments as may be permitted by law.
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- (c) At least 180 days have elapsed from the date the minimum amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and
- (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that unit.
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- **Sec. 6.** RCW 64.34.364 and 2021 c ... s 5 (section 5 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The association has a lien on a unit for any unpaid assessments levied against a unit from the time the assessment is due.
- (2) A lien under this section shall be prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except: (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recording of the declaration; (b) a mortgage on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent; and (c) liens for real property taxes and other governmental assessments or charges against the unit. A lien under this section is not subject to the provisions of chapter 6.13 RCW.
- (3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section, the lien shall also be prior to the mortgages described in subsection (2)(b) of this section to the extent of assessments for common expenses, excluding any amounts for capital improvements, based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to RCW 64.34.360(1) which would have become due during the six months immediately preceding the date of a sheriff's sale in an action for judicial foreclosure by either the association or a mortgagee, the date of a trustee's sale in a nonjudicial foreclosure by a mortgagee, or the date of recording of the declaration of forfeiture in a proceeding by the vendor under a real estate contract.
- (4) The priority of the association's lien against units encumbered by a mortgage held by an eligible mortgagee or by a mortgagee which has given the association a written request for a notice of delinquent assessments shall be reduced by up to three months if and to the extent that the lien priority under subsection (3) of this section includes delinquencies which relate to a period after such holder becomes an eligible mortgagee or has given such notice and before the association gives the holder a written notice of the delinquency. This subsection does not affect the priority of mechanics' or material suppliers' liens, or the priority of liens for other assessments made by the association.
- (5) If the association forecloses its lien under this section nonjudicially pursuant to chapter 61.24 RCW, as provided by subsection (9) of this section, the association shall not be entitled to the lien priority provided for under subsection (3) of this section
- (6) Unless the declaration otherwise provides, if two or more associations have liens for assessments created at any time on the same real estate, those liens have equal priority.
- (7) Recording of the declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of the lien for assessments. While no further recording of any claim of lien for assessment under this section shall be required to perfect the association's lien, the association may record a notice of claim of lien for assessments under this section

in the real property records of any county in which the condominium is located. Such recording shall not constitute the written notice of delinquency to a mortgagee referred to in subsection (2) of this section.

- (8) A lien for unpaid assessments and the personal liability for payment of assessments is extinguished unless proceedings to enforce the lien or collect the debt are instituted within three years after the amount of the assessments sought to be recovered becomes due.
- (9) The lien arising under this section may be enforced judicially by the association or its authorized representative in the manner set forth in chapter 61.12 RCW. The lien arising under this section may be enforced nonjudicially in the manner set forth in chapter 61.24 RCW for nonjudicial foreclosure of deeds of trust if the declaration (a) contains a grant of the condominium in trust to a trustee qualified under RCW 61.24.010 to secure the obligations of the unit owners to the association for the payment of assessments, (b) contains a power of sale, (c) provides in its terms that the units are not used principally for agricultural or farming purposes, and (d) provides that the power of sale is operative in the case of a default in the obligation to pay assessments. The association or its authorized representative shall have the power, unless prohibited by the declaration, to purchase the unit at the foreclosure sale and to acquire, hold, lease, mortgage, or convey the same. Upon an express waiver in the complaint of any right to a deficiency judgment in a judicial foreclosure action, the period of redemption shall be eight months. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an association from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure.
- (10) From the time of commencement of an action by the association to foreclose a lien for nonpayment of delinquent assessments against a unit that is not occupied by the owner thereof, the association shall be entitled to the appointment of a receiver to collect from the lessee thereof the rent for the unit as and when due. If the rental is not paid, the receiver may obtain possession of the unit, refurbish it for rental up to a reasonable standard for rental units in this type of condominium, rent the unit or permit its rental to others, and apply the rents first to the cost of the receivership and attorneys' fees thereof, then to the cost of refurbishing the unit, then to applicable charges, then to costs, fees, and charges of the foreclosure action, and then to the payment of the delinquent assessments. Only a receiver may take possession and collect rents under this subsection, and a receiver shall not be appointed less than ninety days after the delinquency. The exercise by the association of the foregoing rights shall not affect the priority of preexisting liens on the unit.
- (11) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the holder of a mortgage or other purchaser of a unit who obtains the right of possession of the unit through foreclosure shall not be liable for assessments or installments thereof that became due prior to such right of possession. Such unpaid assessments shall be deemed to be common expenses collectible from all the unit owners, including such mortgagee or other purchaser of the unit. Foreclosure of a mortgage does not relieve the prior owner of personal liability for assessments accruing against the unit prior to the date of such sale as provided in this subsection.
- (12) In addition to constituting a lien on the unit, each assessment shall be the joint and several obligation of the owner or owners of the unit to which the same are assessed as of the time the assessment is due. In a voluntary conveyance, the grantee of a unit shall be jointly and severally liable with the grantor for all unpaid assessments against the grantor up to the time of the grantor's conveyance, without prejudice to the grantee's right to recover from the grantor the amounts paid by the grantee therefor. Suit to recover a personal judgment for any delinquent assessment shall be maintainable in any court of competent jurisdiction

- without foreclosing or waiving the lien securing such sums.
- (13) The association may from time to time establish reasonable late charges and a rate of interest to be charged on all subsequent delinquent assessments or installments thereof. In the absence of another established nonusurious rate, delinquent assessments shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the maximum rate permitted under RCW 19.52.020 on the date on which the assessments became delinquent.
- (14) The association shall be entitled to recover any costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the collection of delinquent assessments, whether or not such collection activities result in suit being commenced or prosecuted to judgment. In addition, the association shall be entitled to recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees if it prevails on appeal and in the enforcement of a judgment.
- (15) The association upon written request shall furnish to a unit owner or a mortgagee a statement signed by an officer or authorized agent of the association setting forth the amount of unpaid assessments against that unit. The statement shall be furnished within fifteen days after receipt of the request and is binding on the association, the board of directors, and every unit owner, unless and to the extent known by the recipient to be false.
- (16) To the extent not inconsistent with this section, the declaration may provide for such additional remedies for collection of assessments as may be permitted by law.
- (17) An association may not commence an action to foreclose a lien on a unit under this section unless:
- (a) The unit owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at least a sum equal to the greater of:
- (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account; or
- (ii) \$200 of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account;
- (b) At or after the date that assessments have become past due for at least 90 days, the association has mailed, by first-class mail, to the owner, at the unit address and to any other address which the owner has provided to the association, a notice of delinquency, which shall state as follows:

THIS IS A NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY FOR PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS

FROM THE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION TO WHICH YOUR HOME BELONGS.

THIS NOTICE IS ONE STEP IN A PROCESS THAT COULD RESULT IN YOUR LOSING YOUR HOME.

CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess your situation and refer you to mediation if you might benefit. **DO NOT DELAY**.

BE CAREFUL of people who claim they can help you. There are many individuals and businesses that prey upon borrowers in distress.

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SEEKING ASSISTANCE

Housing counselors and legal assistance may be available at little or no cost to you. If you would like assistance in determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission

Telephone: Website:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development

Telephone: Website:

The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys

Telephone: Website:

The association shall obtain the toll-free numbers and website information from the department of commerce for inclusion in the notice:

- (c) At least ((180)) <u>90</u> days have elapsed from the date the minimum amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and
- (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that unit.
- (18) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 64.38 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) If the governing documents of an association provide for a lien on the lot of any owner for unpaid assessments, the association may not commence an action to foreclose the lien unless:
- (a) The lot owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at least a sum equal to the greater of:
- (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account; or
- (ii) \$200 of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account;
- (b) At or after the date that assessments have become past due for at least 90 days, the association has mailed, by first-class mail, to the owner, at the lot address and to any other address which the owner has provided to the association, a notice of delinquency, which shall state as follows:

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The association shall obtain the toll-free numbers and website information from the department of commerce for inclusion in the notice:

- (c) At least 180 days have elapsed from the date the minimum amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and
- (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that lot.
- (2) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.
- **Sec. 8.** RCW 64.38.--- and 2021 c ... s 7 (section 7 of this act) are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) If the governing documents of an association provide for a lien on the lot of any owner for unpaid assessments, the association may not commence an action to foreclose the lien unless:
- (a) The lot owner, at the time the action is commenced, owes at least a sum equal to the greater of:
- (i) Three months or more of assessments, not including fines, late charges, interest, attorneys' fees, or costs incurred by the association in connection with the collection of a delinquent owner's account; or
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The association shall obtain the toll-free numbers and website information from the department of commerce for inclusion in the notice:

(c) At least ((180)) 90 days have elapsed from the date the

minimum amount required in (a) of this subsection has accrued; and

- (d) The board approves commencement of a foreclosure action specifically against that lot.
- (2) Every aspect of a collection, foreclosure, sale, or other conveyance under this section, including the method, advertising, time, date, place, and terms, must be commercially reasonable.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** Sections 1, 3, 5, and 7 of this act expire January 1, 2024.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 10.** Sections 2, 4, 6, and 8 of this act take effect January 1, 2024.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 11.** Sections 1, 3, 5, and 7 of this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and take effect immediately."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "communities;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 64.90.485, 64.90.485, 64.32.200, 64.32.200, 64.34.364, 64.34.364, and 64.38.---; adding a new section to chapter 64.38 RCW; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency."

Senator Pedersen spoke in favor of adoption of the committee striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the committee striking amendment by the Committee on Law & Justice to Engrossed House Bill No. 1482.

The motion by Senator Pedersen carried and the committee striking amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the rules were suspended, Engrossed House Bill No. 1482, as amended by the Senate, was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Pedersen and Padden spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed House Bill No. 1482 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed House Bill No. 1482, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Van De Wege

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1482, as amended by the Senate, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1155, by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Riccelli, Ormsby and Lekanoff)

Concerning sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Kuderer moved that the following committee striking amendment by the Committee on Housing & Local Government be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

- "Sec. 1. RCW 82.14.420 and 2019 c 281 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) A county legislative authority may submit an authorizing proposition to the county voters, and if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter for the purposes designated in subsection (3) of this section.
- (2) The tax authorized in this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and must be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the county. The rate of tax may not exceed two-tenths of one percent of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.
- (3) Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.
- (4) Counties are authorized to develop joint ventures to collocate emergency communication systems and facilities.
- (5) Prior to submitting the tax authorization in subsection (2) of this section to the voters in a county that provides emergency communication services to a governmental agency pursuant to a contract, the parties to the contract must review and negotiate or affirm the terms of the contract.
- (6) ((Prior to submitting the tax authorized in subsection (2) of this section to the voters, a)) (a) A county imposing the tax authorized in subsection (2) of this section, with a population of more than one million five hundred thousand, in which any city over fifty thousand operates emergency communication systems and facilities either independently or as a member of a regional emergency communication agency must enter into an interlocal agreement with the city either independently or as a member of a regional emergency communications agency to determine distribution of the revenue provided in this section as follows:
- (i) Within 12 months of meeting the population thresholds in this subsection (6) or within 12 months of the effective date of this section, whichever is later; or
- (ii) Prior to submitting the tax to the voters, for counties not currently imposing the tax.
- (b) The time frame provided in (a)(i) of this subsection may be extended for an additional three months with the agreement of the county and the city.
- (7) ((Prior to submitting the tax authorized in subsection (2) of this section to the voters, a)) (a) A county imposing the tax authorized in subsection (2) of this section, with a population of more than five hundred thousand but less than one million five

hundred thousand, in which any city over fifty thousand operates emergency communication systems and facilities must enter into an interlocal agreement with the city to determine distribution of the revenue provided in this section as follows:

- (i) Within 12 months of meeting the population thresholds in this subsection (7) or within 12 months of the effective date of this section, whichever is later; or
- (ii) Prior to submitting the tax to the voters, for counties not currently imposing the tax.
- (b) The time frame established in (a)(i) of this subsection may be extended for an additional three months with the agreement of the county and the city.
- (8) If a county and a city that are required to enter into an interlocal agreement under subsection (6) or (7) of this section fail to enter into an interlocal agreement within the allotted time frame or the extended time frame as provided in subsection (6)(a)(i) or (b) or (7)(a)(i) or (b) of this section, then the city or county may seek equitable apportionment of the tax authorized under this section in the county's superior court. Equitable apportionment must be provided retroactively beginning from when the county and city met the population thresholds under subsection (6) or (7) of this section or the effective date of this section, whichever is later.
- (9) A county imposing the tax authorized under this section on July 28, 2019, must submit an authorizing proposition to the voters as provided under this section to increase the rate of tax.
- (((9))) (10) The Washington state patrol must enter into an intergovernmental agreement, with a county, city, or regional communications agency that operates emergency communications systems, for purposes of interoperable communications, if the following conditions are met:
- (a) The intergovernmental agreement is requested by the county, city, or regional communications agency for this purpose; and
 - (b) The terms and conditions are mutually agreeable."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "facilities;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 82.14.420."

MOTION

Senator Short moved that the following floor amendment no. 545 by Senator Short be adopted:

On page 3, line 1, after "(b)" insert "City representation in the interlocal agreement process must include a representative from the mayor's office and the city council president. In a city that operates under a council-manager form of government under chapter 35.18 or 35A.13 RCW, city representation must include the city manager or the city manager's designee.

(c)"

Correct any internal references accordingly.

The President declared that amendment no. 545 was not drafted to the committee amendment and therefore out or order.

Senators Kuderer and Fortunato spoke in favor of adoption of the committee striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the committee striking amendment by the Committee on Housing & Local Government to Substitute House Bill No. 1155.

The motion by Senator Kuderer carried and the committee striking amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, further consideration of Substitute House Bill No. 1155 was deferred and the bill held its place on the second reading calendar.

SECOND READING

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1189, by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Duerr, Boehnke, Bateman, Sullivan, Fitzgibbon, Walen, Ramel, Springer, Wicks, Slatter, Pollet, Callan and Harris-Talley)

Authorizing tax increment financing for local governments. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning tax increment financing.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Mullet moved that the following committee striking amendment by the Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Assessed value of real property" means the valuation of taxable real property as placed on the last completed assessment roll prepared pursuant to Title 84 RCW.
- (2) "Increment area" means the geographic area within which regular property tax revenues are to be apportioned to pay public improvement costs, as authorized under this chapter.
- (3) "Increment value" means 100 percent of any increase in the true and fair value of real property in an increment area that is placed on the tax rolls after the increment area is created. The increment value shall not be less than zero.
- (4) "Local government" means any city, town, county, port district, or any combination thereof.
- (5) "Ordinance" means any appropriate method of taking legislative action by a local government, including a resolution adopted by a port district organized under Title 53 RCW.
 - (6) "Public improvement costs" means the costs of:
- (a) Design, planning, acquisition, required permitting, required environmental studies and mitigation, seismic studies or surveys, archaeological studies or surveys, land surveying, site preparation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, and installation of public improvements and other directly related costs;
- (b) Relocating, maintaining, and operating property pending construction of public improvements;
 - (c) Relocating utilities as a result of public improvements;
- (d) Financing public improvements, including capitalized interest for up to six months following completion of construction, legal and other professional services, taxes, insurance, principal and interest costs on general indebtedness issued to finance public improvements, and any necessary debt service reserves;
- (e) Expenses incurred in revaluing real property for the purpose of determining the tax allocation base value by a county assessor under chapter 84.41 RCW and expenses incurred by a county treasurer under chapter 84.56 RCW in apportioning the taxes and complying with this chapter and other applicable law. For purposes of this subsection (6)(e), "expenses incurred" means

actual staff and software costs directly related to the implementation and ongoing administration of increment areas under this chapter; and

- (f) Administrative expenses and feasibility studies reasonably necessary and related to these costs, including related costs that may have been incurred before adoption of the ordinance authorizing the public improvements and the use of tax increment financing to fund the costs of the public improvements.
 - (7) "Public improvements" means:
- (a) Infrastructure improvements owned by a local government within or outside of and serving the increment area that include:
 - (i) Street and road construction;
 - (ii) Water and sewer system construction and improvements;
- (iii) Sidewalks and other nonmotorized transportation improvements and streetlights;
 - (iv) Parking, terminal, and dock facilities;
 - (v) Park and ride facilities or other transit facilities;
 - (vi) Park and community facilities and recreational areas;
 - (vii) Stormwater and drainage management systems;
 - (viii) Electric, broadband, or rail service;
 - (ix) Mitigation of brownfields; or
 - (b) Expenditures for any of the following purposes:
- (i) Purchasing, rehabilitating, retrofitting for energy efficiency, and constructing housing for the purpose of creating or preserving long-term affordable housing;
- (ii) Purchasing, rehabilitating, retrofitting for energy efficiency, and constructing child care facilities serving children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care;
- (iii) Providing maintenance and security for the public improvements; or
- (iv) Historic preservation activities authorized under RCW 35.21.395.
- (8) "Regular property taxes" means regular property taxes as defined in RCW 84.04.140, except: (a) Regular property taxes levied by port districts or public utility districts to the extent necessary for the payments of principal and interest on general obligation debt; and (b) regular property taxes levied by the state for the support of the common schools under RCW 84.52.065. Regular property taxes do not include excess property tax levies that are exempt from the aggregate limits for junior and senior taxing districts as provided in RCW 84.52.043. "Regular property taxes" does not include excess property taxes levied by local school districts.
- (9) "Tax allocation base value" means the assessed value of real property located within an increment area for taxes imposed in the year in which the increment area is first designated.
- (10) "Tax allocation revenues" means those revenues derived from the imposition of regular property taxes on the increment value.
- (11) "Taxing district" means a governmental entity that levies or has levied for it regular property taxes upon real property located within a proposed or approved increment area.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** (1) A local government may designate an increment area under this chapter and use the tax allocation revenues to pay public improvement costs, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) The local government must adopt an ordinance designating an increment area within its boundaries and describing the public improvements proposed to be paid for, or financed with, tax allocation revenues;
- (b) The local government may not designate increment area boundaries such that the entirety of its territory falls within an increment area:
- (c) The increment area may not have an assessed valuation of more than \$200,000,000 or more than 20 percent of the sponsoring jurisdiction's total assessed valuation, whichever is

- less, when the ordinance is passed. If a sponsoring jurisdiction creates two increment areas, the total combined assessed valuation in both of the two increment areas may not equal more than \$200,000,000 or more than 20 percent of the sponsoring jurisdiction's total assessed valuation, whichever is less, when the ordinances are passed creating the increment areas;
- (d) A local government can create no more than two active increment areas at any given time and they may not physically overlap by including the same land in more than one increment area at any time;
- (e) The ordinance must set a sunset date for the increment area, which may be no more than 25 years after the first year in which tax allocation revenues are collected from the increment area;
- (f) The ordinance must identify the public improvements to be financed and indicate whether the local government intends to issue bonds or other obligations, payable in whole or in part, from tax allocation revenues to finance the public improvement costs, and must estimate the maximum amount of obligations contemplated;
- (g) The ordinance must provide that the increment takes effect on June 1st following the adoption of the ordinance in (a) of this subsection:
- (h) The sponsoring jurisdiction may not add additional public improvements to the project after adoption of the ordinance creating the increment area or change the boundaries of the increment area. The sponsoring jurisdiction may expand, alter, or add to the original public improvements when doing so is necessary to assure the originally approved improvements can be constructed or operated:
- (i) The ordinance must impose a deadline by which commencement of construction of the public improvements shall begin, which deadline must be at least five years into the future and for which extensions shall be made available for good cause; and
 - (j) The local government must make a finding that:
- (i) The public improvements proposed to be paid or financed with tax allocation revenues are expected to encourage private development within the increment area and to increase the assessed value of real property within the increment area;
- (ii) Private development that is anticipated to occur within the increment area as a result of the proposed public improvements will be permitted consistent with the permitting jurisdiction's applicable zoning and development standards;
- (iii) The private development would not reasonably be expected to occur solely through private investment within the reasonably foreseeable future without the proposed public improvements; and
- (iv) The increased assessed value within the increment area that could reasonably be expected to occur without the proposed public improvements would be less than the increase in the assessed value estimated to result from the proposed development with the proposed public improvements.
- (2) In considering whether to designate an increment area, the legislative body of the local government must prepare a project analysis that shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:
- (a) A statement of objectives of the local government for the designated increment area;
- (b) A statement as to the property within the increment area, if any, that the local government may intend to acquire;
 - (c) The duration of the increment area;
 - (d) Identification of all parcels to be included in the area;
- (e) A description of the expected private development within the increment area, including a comparison of scenarios with the proposed public improvements and without the proposed public improvements;

- (f) A description of the public improvements, estimated public improvement costs, and the estimated amount of bonds or other obligations expected to be issued to finance the public improvement costs and repaid with tax allocation revenues;
- (g) The assessed value of real property listed on the tax roll as certified by the county assessor under RCW 84.52.080 from within the increment area and an estimate of the increment value and tax allocation revenues expected to be generated;
- (h) An estimate of the job creation reasonably expected to result from the public improvements and the private development expected to occur in the increment area; and
- (i) An assessment of any impacts and any necessary mitigation to address the impacts identified on the following:
 - (i) Affordable and low-income housing;
 - (ii) The local business community;
 - (iii) The local school districts: and
 - (iv) The local fire service.
- (3) The local government may charge a private developer, who agrees to participate in creating the increment area, a fee sufficient to cover the cost of the project analysis and establishing the increment area, including staff time, professionals and consultants, and other administrative costs related to establishing the increment area.
- (4) Nothing in this section prohibits a local government from entering into an agreement under chapter 39.34 RCW with another local government for the administration or other activities related to tax increment financing authorized under this section.
- (5) If the project analysis indicates that an increment area will impact at least 20 percent of the assessed value in a fire district, the local government must negotiate a mitigation plan with the fire district prior to implementing the increment area.
- (6) The local government may reimburse the assessor and treasurer for their costs as provided in section 1(6)(e) of this act.
- (7) Prior to the adoption of an ordinance authorizing creation of an increment area, the local government must:
- (a) Hold at least two public briefings for the community solely on the tax increment project that include the description of the increment area, the public improvements proposed to be financed with the tax allocation revenues, and a detailed estimate of tax revenues for the participating local governments and taxing districts, including the amounts allocated to the increment public improvements. The briefings must be announced at least two weeks prior to the date being held, including publishing in a legal newspaper of general circulation and posting information on the local government website and all local government social media sites; and
- (b) Submit the project analysis to the office of the treasurer for review and consider any comments that the treasurer may provide upon completion of their review of the project analysis as provided under this subsection. The treasurer must complete the review within 90 days of receipt of the project analysis and may consult with other agencies and outside experts as necessary. Upon completing their review, the treasurer must promptly provide to the local government any comments regarding suggested revisions or enhancements to the project analysis that the treasurer deems appropriate based on the requirements in subsection (2) of this section.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** (1) Public improvements that are financed under this chapter may be undertaken and coordinated with other programs or efforts undertaken by the local government and other taxing districts and may be funded in part from revenue sources other than tax allocation revenues.
- (2) Public improvements that are constructed by a private developer must meet all applicable state and local laws.
 - NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The local government designating

- the increment area must:
- (1) Publish notice in a legal newspaper of general circulation within the jurisdiction of the local government that describes the public improvements, describes the boundaries of the increment area, and identifies the location and times where the ordinance and other public information concerning the public improvement may be inspected; and
- (2) Deliver a certified copy of the ordinance to the county treasurer, the county assessor, and the governing body of each taxing district within which the increment area is located.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** Apportionment of taxes shall be as follows:

- (1) Commencing in the calendar year following the passage of the ordinance, the county treasurer shall distribute receipts from regular property taxes imposed on real property located in the increment area as follows:
- (a) Each taxing district shall receive that portion of its regular property taxes produced by the rate of tax levied by or for the taxing district on the tax allocation base value for that increment area;
- (b) The local government that designated the increment area shall be entitled to receive an additional amount equal to the amount derived from the regular property taxes levied by or for each taxing district upon the increment value within the increment area. The local government that designated the increment area shall receive no more than is needed to pay or repay costs directly associated with the public improvements identified in the approved ordinance and may agree to receive less than the full amount of this portion, as long as bond debt service, reserve, and other bond covenant requirements are satisfied, in which case the balance of these tax receipts shall be allocated to the taxing districts that imposed regular property taxes, or have regular property taxes imposed for them, in the increment area for collection that year in proportion to their regular tax levy rates for collection that year. The local government may request that the treasurer transfer this additional portion of the property taxes to its designated agent. The portion of the tax receipts distributed to the local government or its agent under this subsection (1)(b) may only be expended to finance public improvement costs associated with the public improvements financed in whole or in part by tax increment financing; and
- (c) This section shall not apply to any receipts from the regular property taxes levied by:
- (i) The state for the support of the common schools under RCW 84.52.065;
 - (ii) Local school district excess levies; and
- (iii) Port districts or public utility districts specifically for the purpose of making required payments of principal and interest or general indebtedness.
- (2) The apportionment of tax allocation revenues must cease when the taxing district certifies to the county assessor in writing that tax allocation revenues are no longer necessary or obligated to pay public improvement costs, but in no event shall the apportionment of tax allocation revenues continue beyond the sunset date established pursuant to section 2(1)(e) of this act. Any excess tax allocation revenues and earnings on the tax allocation revenues remaining at the time the apportionment of tax receipts terminates must be returned to the county treasurer and distributed to the taxing districts that imposed regular property taxes, or had regular property taxes imposed for it, in the increment area for collection that year, in proportion to the rates of their regular property tax levies for collection that year.
- (3) The apportionment and distribution of portions of the regular property taxes levied by or for each taxing district upon the increment value within the increment area pursuant to and

subject to the requirements of this chapter is declared to be a public purpose of and benefit each such taxing district.

- (4) The apportionment and distribution of portions of the regular property taxes levied by or for each taxing district upon the increment value within the increment area pursuant to this section shall not affect or be deemed to affect the rate of taxes levied by or within any such taxing district or the consistency of any such levies with the uniformity requirement of Article VII, section 1 of the state Constitution.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** (1) A local government designating an increment area may incur general indebtedness, and issue general obligation bonds or notes to finance the public improvements and retire the indebtedness, in whole or in part, from tax allocation revenues it receives.
- (2) The general indebtedness incurred under subsection (1) of this section may be payable from tax allocation revenues and any other sources available to the local government for payment of the public improvement costs, including without limitation: Other tax revenues; the full faith and credit of the local government; nontax income, revenues, fees, and rents from the public improvements; and contributions, grants, and nontax resources.
- (3) In addition to the requirements in subsection (1) of this section, a local government designating an increment area and authorizing the use of tax increment financing may require the nonpublic participant to provide adequate security to protect the public investment in the public improvement within the increment area.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** A direct or collateral attack on the designation of the increment area or the allocation of regular property tax revenues in conformance with applicable legal requirements, including this chapter, may not be commenced more than 30 days after adoption of the ordinance as required by section 2 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. (1) A local government may issue revenue bonds to fund revenue-generating public improvements, or portions of public improvements, that are located within an increment area and that it is authorized to provide or operate. Whenever revenue bonds are to be issued, the legislative authority of the local government shall create or have created a special fund or funds from which, along with any reserves created pursuant to RCW 39.44.140, the principal and interest on these revenue bonds shall exclusively be payable. The legislative authority of the local government may obligate the local government to set aside and pay into the special fund or funds a fixed proportion or a fixed amount of the revenues from the public improvements that are funded by the revenue bonds. This amount or proportion is a lien and charge against these revenues, subject only to operating and maintenance expenses. The local government shall have due regard for the cost of operation and maintenance of the public improvements that are funded by the revenue bonds, and shall not set aside into the special fund or funds a greater amount or proportion of the revenues that in its judgment will be available over and above the cost of maintenance and operation and the amount or proportion, if any, of the revenue previously pledged. The local government may also provide that revenue bonds payable out of the same source or sources of revenue may later be issued on a parity with any revenue bonds being issued and sold.
- (2) Revenue bonds issued under this section are not an indebtedness of the local government issuing the bonds, and the interest and principal on the bonds shall only be payable from the revenues lawfully pledged to meet the principal and interest requirements and any reserves created pursuant to RCW 39.44.140. The owner or bearer of a revenue bond or any interest coupon issued under this section shall not have any claim against the local government arising from the bond or coupon except for payment from the revenues lawfully pledged to meet

- the principal and interest requirements and any reserves created pursuant to RCW 39.44.140. The substance of the limitations included in this subsection shall be plainly printed, written, or engraved on each bond issued under this section.
- (3) Revenue bonds with a maturity in excess of 25 years shall not be issued under this section.
- (4) The legislative authority of the local government shall by resolution determine for each revenue bond issue the amount, date, form, terms, conditions, denominations, maximum fixed or variable interest rate or rates, maturity or maturities, redemption rights, registration privileges, manner of execution, manner of sale, callable provisions, if any, and covenants including the refunding of existing revenue bonds. Facsimile signatures may be used on the bonds and any coupons. Refunding revenue bonds may be issued in the same manner as revenue bonds are issued.
- (5) The authority to issue revenue bonds under this section is supplementary and in addition to any authority otherwise existing. Nothing in this section limits a local government in the issuance of revenue bonds that are otherwise authorized by law for the construction of additions, betterments, or extensions of utilities within the increment area.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, revenue bonds issued to finance public improvements may be issued in accordance with chapter 39.46 RCW.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** This chapter supplements and neither restricts nor limits any powers that the state or any local government might otherwise have under any laws of this state.
- **Sec. 10.** RCW 84.55.010 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13 s 302 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided in this chapter, the levy for a taxing district in any year must be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year do not exceed the limit factor multiplied by the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district, excluding any increase due to (e) of this subsection, unless the highest levy was the statutory maximum rate amount, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year by the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from:
 - (a) New construction;
- (b) Increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, if such facilities generate electricity and the property is not included elsewhere under this section for purposes of providing an additional dollar amount. The property may be classified as real or personal property:
 - (c) Improvements to property; ((and))
- (d) Any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property; and
- (e) Any increase in the assessed value of real property, as that term is defined in section 1 of this act, within an increment area as designated by any local government in section 2 of this act provided that such increase is not included elsewhere under this section. This subsection (1)(e) does not apply to levies by the state or by port districts and public utility districts for the purpose of making required payments of principal and interest on general indebtedness.
 - (2) The requirements of this section do not apply to:
- (a) State property taxes levied under RCW 84.52.065(1) for collection in calendar years 2019 through 2021; and
- (b) State property taxes levied under RCW 84.52.065(2) for collection in calendar years 2018 through 2021.
- **Sec. 11.** RCW 84.55.120 and 2014 c 4 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) A taxing district, other than the state, that collects regular

levies must hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the district's following year's current expense budget. The hearing must include consideration of possible increases in property tax revenues and must be held prior to the time the taxing district levies the taxes or makes the request to have the taxes levied. The county legislative authority, or the taxing district's governing body if the district is a city, town, or other type of district, must hold the hearing. For purposes of this section, "current expense budget" means that budget which is primarily funded by taxes and charges and reflects the provision of ongoing services. It does not mean the capital, enterprise, or special assessment budgets of cities, towns, counties, or special purpose districts.

- (2) If the taxing district is otherwise required to hold a public hearing on its proposed regular tax levy, a single public hearing may be held on this matter.
- (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection (3), no increase in property tax revenue may be authorized by a taxing district, other than the state, except by adoption of a separate ordinance or resolution, pursuant to notice, specifically authorizing the increase in terms of both dollars and percentage. The ordinance or resolution may cover a period of up to two years, but the ordinance must specifically state for each year the dollar increase and percentage change in the levy from the previous year.
- (b) Exempt from the requirements of (a) of this subsection are increases in revenue resulting from the addition of:
 - (i) New construction;
- (ii) Increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, if such facilities generate electricity and the property is not included elsewhere under this section for purposes of providing an additional dollar amount. The property may be classified as real or personal property;
 - (iii) Improvements to property; ((and))
 - (iv) Any increase in the value of state-assessed property; and
- (v) Any increase in the assessed value of real property, as that term is defined in section 1 of this act, within an increment area as designated by any local government in section 2 of this act provided that such increase is not included elsewhere under this section. This subsection (3)(b)(v) does not apply to levies by the state or by port districts and public utility districts for the purpose of making required payments of principal and interest on general indebtedness.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 12.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 39 RCW.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 13.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "financing;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 84.55.010 and 84.55.120; and adding a new chapter to Title 39 RCW."

MOTION

Senator Mullet moved that the following floor amendment no. 509 by Senator Van De Wege be adopted:

On page 6, beginning on line 2, after "fire" strike all material through "area" on line 4 and insert "protection district or regional fire protection service authority, or the fire service agency's annual report demonstrates an increase in the level of service directly related to the increment area, the local government must negotiate a mitigation plan with the fire protection district or

regional fire protection service authority to address level of service issues in the increment area"

Senator Mullet spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment to the committee striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of floor amendment no. 509 by Senator Van De Wege on page 6, line 2 to the committee striking amendment.

The motion by Senator Mullet carried and floor amendment no. 509 was adopted by voice vote.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the committee striking amendment by the Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade as amended to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1189.

The motion by Senator Mullet carried and the committee striking amendment as amended was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Mullet, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1189, as amended by the Senate, was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Mullet, Dozier, Frockt and Brown spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1189 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1189, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 45; Nays, 2; Absent, 0; Excused, 2.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Voting nay: Senators Padden and Short

Excused: Senators Robinson and Van De Wege

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1189, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Randall, Senator Robinson was excused.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1331, by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Harris-Talley, Senn, Berry, Callan, Fitzgibbon, Wicks, Ortiz-Self, Chopp, Davis, Valdez, Bateman, Eslick, Ormsby, Lovick, Fey, Berg, Rule, Lekanoff, Frame, Duerr, Pollet, Macri, Slatter and Peterson)

Concerning early learning facility impact fees.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Kuderer, the rules were suspended, Substitute House Bill No. 1331 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Kuderer and Fortunato spoke in favor of passage of the bill

Senators Short and Wagoner spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1331.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1331 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 35; Nays, 13; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Sheldon, Stanford, Warnick, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Brown, Dozier, Gildon, Honeyford, King, McCune, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Wagoner, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Van De Wege

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1331, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

The President announced that due to technical issues Senator Robinson would be marked excused on the vote taken earlier in the day on Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1189 as amended by the Senate.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1493, by House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Sells, Berry, Pollet and Ormsby)

Concerning job search monitoring.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Keiser, the rules were suspended, Substitute House Bill No. 1493 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Keiser and King spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1493.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1493 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 33; Nays, 15; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Sheldon, Stanford, Warnick, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Braun, Brown, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Honeyford, McCune, Mullet, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Wagoner, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Van De Wege

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1493, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1023, by Representatives Steele, Tharinger, Callan and Young

Concerning predesign requirements and thresholds.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Frockt, the rules were suspended, House Bill No. 1023 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Frockt, Wilson, L. and Hawkins spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1023.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1023 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Van De Wege

HOUSE BILL NO. 1023, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1426, by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Santos, Lekanoff, J. Johnson, Ortiz-Self, Davis, Simmons, Bergquist, Callan, Berg and Pollet)

Specifying minimum continuing education requirements for

administrator and teacher certificate renewals that focus on equity-based school and classroom practices.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Wellman, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1426 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Wellman and Hawkins spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1426.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1426 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 28; Nays, 20; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, Warnick, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Braun, Brown, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, Honeyford, King, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Wagoner, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Van De Wege

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1426, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1372, by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations (originally sponsored by Lekanoff, Shewmake, Peterson, Dolan, J. Johnson, Slatter, Cody, Fitzgibbon, Lovick, Sells, Wicks, Kloba, Taylor, Valdez, Bateman, Wylie, Santos, Ormsby, Senn, Leavitt, Ybarra, Goodman, Ramel, Gregerson, Macri, Callan, Fey, Ramos, Pollet, Ryu, Berg and Simmons)

Replacing the Marcus Whitman statue in the national statuary hall collection with a statue of Billy Frank Jr.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Hunt, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1372 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Hunt, Carlyle and Sheldon spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1372.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1372 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 44; Nays, 5; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Ericksen, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Van De Wege, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Voting nay: Senators Dozier, Fortunato, Honeyford, Padden and Wagoner

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1372, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

POINT OF INQUIRY

Senator Liias: "Mr. President, it's unusual to ask the President's opinion on legislation but you served and worked with Billy Frank, Jr. I wonder if you would share any observations on this important occasion for the state of Washington?"

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: "Thank you Senator. The truth is I'm overcome by emotion. Billy Frank, Jr. was a great man. And those of us who had the privilege to know him and work with him and call him friend can count ourselves lucky for the rest of our lives. As I have said before, that glorious day when that statue is erected in Statuary Hall, a place where for nearly a decade, I walk several times a day. I know for a fact that when citizens, especially those from our state, walk through they will stand taller and prouder. Billy began his life as what he self-described as a getting arrested guy. He spent the last thirty years of his life being the greatest reconciler imaginable. Dealing with unbelievably difficult and contentious issues relating to fish in particular, but natural resources in the altogether. Everything said about him today times ten is true. It is not an accident that he won the Presidential Medal of Freedom or that he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He was not just a leader in Washington state. The truth was, indigenous peoples throughout the world asked Billy to come and share his wisdom. He had a particular refrain that I think is applicable to each of us who have the privilege to serve in this chamber. When it comes to the issue of advocacy, he will be asked countless times by younger tribal members 'How do you do it?"; "How is it that you walk these halls of Congress as regularly as you do and advocate on behalf of us?"; 'What is it that enables you to do that?' And he would all tell them the same thing: 'Tell your story.' It is eternal wisdom that he used for decades. Thank you for the privilege to be able to do that."

SECOND READING

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1410, by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Volz, Valdez, Ybarra, Stokesbary, Chase, Dufault, Leavitt, Vick, Dolan, Sutherland, Walen, Chambers, Walsh, Robertson, Caldier, Griffey, Riccelli, Jacobsen, Fitzgibbon, Ormsby and Harris-Talley)

Protecting taxpayers from home foreclosure.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Rolfes moved that the following committee striking amendment by the Committee on Ways & Means be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 84.56.020 and 2019 c 332 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

Treasurers' tax collection duties.

(1) The county treasurer must be the receiver and collector of all taxes extended upon the tax rolls of the county, whether levied for state, county, school, bridge, road, municipal or other purposes, and also of all fines, forfeitures or penalties received by any person or officer for the use of his or her county. No treasurer may accept tax payments or issue receipts for the same until the treasurer has completed the tax roll for the current year's collection and provided notification of the completion of the roll. Notification may be accomplished electronically, by posting a notice in the office, or through other written communication as determined by the treasurer. All real and personal property taxes and assessments made payable by the provisions of this title are due and payable to the county treasurer on or before the thirtieth day of April and, except as provided in this section, are delinquent after that date.

Tax statements.

- (2)(a) Tax statements for the current year's collection must be distributed to each taxpayer on or before March 15th provided that:
- (i) All city and other taxing district budgets have been submitted to county legislative authorities by November 30th per RCW 84.52.020;
- (ii) The county legislative authority in turn has certified taxes levied to the county assessor by November 30th per RCW 84.52.070; and
- (iii) The county assessor has delivered the tax roll to the county treasurer by January 15th per RCW 84.52.080.
- (b) Each tax statement must include a notice that checks for payment of taxes may be made payable to "Treasurer of County" or other appropriate office, but tax statements may not include any suggestion that checks may be made payable to the name of the individual holding the office of treasurer nor any other individual.
- (c) Each tax statement distributed to an address must include a notice with information describing the:
- (i) Property tax exemption program pursuant to RCW 84.36.379 through 84.36.389; and
- (ii) Property tax deferral program pursuant to chapter 84.38 RCW.

Tax payment due dates.

On-time tax payments: First-half taxes paid by April 30th and second-half taxes paid by October 31st.

(3) When the total amount of tax or special assessments on personal property or on any lot, block or tract of real property payable by one person is fifty dollars or more, and if one-half of such tax is paid on or before the thirtieth day of April, the remainder of such tax is due and payable on or before the following thirty-first day of October and is delinquent after that date.

Delinquent tax payments for current year: First-half taxes paid after April 30th.

(4) When the total amount of tax or special assessments on any lot, block or tract of real property or on any mobile home payable by one person is fifty dollars or more, and if one-half of such tax

is paid after the thirtieth day of April but before the thirty-first day of October, together with the applicable interest and penalty on the full amount of tax payable for that year, the remainder of such tax is due and payable on or before the following thirty-first day of October and is delinquent after that date.

Delinquent tax payments: Interest, penalties, and treasurer duties.

- (5)(a) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, delinquent taxes under this section are subject to interest ((at the rate of twelve percent per annum)) as provided in this subsection computed on a monthly basis on the amount of tax delinquent from the date of delinquency until paid. Interest must be calculated at the rate in effect at the time of the tax payment, regardless of when the taxes were first delinquent. ((In addition))
- (i) Until December 31, 2022, the interest rate is 12 percent per annum for all nonresidential real property and residential real property.
 - (ii) Beginning January 1, 2023, interest rates are as follows:
- (A) Twelve percent per annum for all nonresidential real property and for residential real property with greater than four units per taxable parcel; or
- (B) Nine percent per annum for all residential real property with four or fewer units per taxable parcel, including manufactured/mobile homes as defined in RCW 59.20.030.
- (b)(i) Penalties on delinquent taxes under this section may not be assessed beginning the effective date of this section and through December 31, 2022.
- (ii) Beginning January 1, 2023, delinquent taxes under this section are subject to penalties for nonresidential real property and for residential real property with greater than four units per taxable parcel as follows:
- (((a))) (A) A penalty of three percent of the amount of tax delinquent is assessed on the tax delinquent on June 1st of the year in which the tax is due.
- (((b))) (B) An additional penalty of eight percent is assessed on the delinquent tax amount on December 1st of the year in which the tax is due.
- (iii) Penalties may not be assessed on residential real property with four or fewer units per taxable parcel, including manufactured/mobile homes as defined in RCW 59.20.030.
- (c)(i) If a taxpayer is successfully participating in a payment agreement under subsection (15)(b) of this section or a partial payment program pursuant to subsection (15)(c) of this section, the county treasurer may not assess additional penalties on delinquent taxes that are included within the payment agreement. Interest and penalties that have been assessed prior to the payment agreement remain due and payable as provided in the payment agreement.
- (ii) The following remain due and payable as provided in any payment agreement:
- (A) Interest that has been assessed prior to the payment agreement; and
- (B) Penalties assessed prior to the effective date of this section that have been assessed prior to the payment agreement.
- (6) A county treasurer must provide notification to each taxpayer whose taxes have become delinquent under subsections (4) and (5) of this section. The delinquency notice must specify where the taxpayer can obtain information regarding:
- (a) Any current tax or special assessments due as of the date of the notice;
- (b) Any delinquent tax or special assessments due, including any penalties and interest, as of the date of the notice; and
- (c) Where the taxpayer can pay his or her property taxes directly and contact information, including but not limited to the phone number, for the statewide foreclosure hotline recommended by the Washington state housing finance

commission.

(7) Within ninety days after the expiration of two years from the date of delinquency (when a taxpayer's taxes have become delinquent), the county treasurer must provide the name and property address of the delinquent taxpayer to a homeownership resource center or any other designated local or state entity recommended by the Washington state housing finance commission.

Collection of foreclosure costs.

- (8)(a) When real property taxes become delinquent and prior to the filing of the certificate of delinquency, the treasurer is authorized to assess and collect tax foreclosure avoidance costs.
- (b) When tax foreclosure avoidance costs are collected, such costs must be credited to the county treasurer service fund account, except as otherwise directed.
- (c) For purposes of chapter 84.64 RCW, any taxes, interest, or penalties deemed delinquent under this section remain delinquent until such time as all taxes, interest, and penalties for the tax year in which the taxes were first due and payable have been paid in full.

Periods of armed conflict.

(9) Subsection (5) of this section notwithstanding, no interest or penalties may be assessed during any period of armed conflict regarding delinquent taxes imposed on the personal residences owned by active duty military personnel who are participating as part of one of the branches of the military involved in the conflict and assigned to a duty station outside the territorial boundaries of the United States.

State of emergency.

(10) During a state of emergency declared under RCW 43.06.010(12), the county treasurer, on his or her own motion or at the request of any taxpayer affected by the emergency, may grant extensions of the due date of any taxes payable under this section as the treasurer deems proper.

Retention of funds from interest.

- (11) All collections of interest on delinquent taxes must be credited to the county current expense fund.
- (12) For purposes of this chapter, "interest" means both interest and penalties.

Retention of funds from property foreclosures and sales.

(13) The direct cost of foreclosure and sale of real property, and the direct fees and costs of distraint and sale of personal property, for delinquent taxes, must, when collected, be credited to the operation and maintenance fund of the county treasurer prosecuting the foreclosure or distraint or sale; and must be used by the county treasurer as a revolving fund to defray the cost of further foreclosure, distraint, and sale because of delinquent taxes without regard to budget limitations and not subject to indirect costs of other charges.

Tax due dates and options for tax payment collections. Electronic billings and payments.

- (14) For purposes of this chapter, and in accordance with this section and RCW 36.29.190, the treasurer may collect taxes, assessments, fees, rates, interest, and charges by electronic billing and payment. Electronic billing and payment may be used as an option by the taxpayer, but the treasurer may not require the use of electronic billing and payment. Electronic bill presentment and payment may be on a monthly or other periodic basis as the treasurer deems proper for:
 - (a) Delinquent tax year payments; and
 - (b) Prepayments of current tax.

Tax payments.

Prepayment for current taxes.

(15)(a) The treasurer may accept prepayments for current year taxes by any means authorized. All prepayments must be paid in

full by the due date specified in subsection (16) of this section.

Payment agreements for current year taxes.

(b)(i) The treasurer may provide, by electronic means or otherwise, a payment agreement that provides for payment of current year taxes, inclusive of prepayment collection charges. The payment agreement must be signed by the taxpayer and treasurer or the treasurer's deputy prior to the sending of an electronic or alternative bill, which includes a payment plan for current year taxes.

Payment agreements for delinquent year taxes.

- (ii)(A) The treasurer may provide, by electronic means or otherwise, a payment agreement for payment of past due delinquencies. The payment agreement must be signed by the taxpayer and treasurer or the treasurer's deputy prior to the sending of an electronic or alternative bill, which includes a payment plan for past due delinquent taxes and charges.
- (B) Tax payments received by a treasurer for delinquent year taxes from a taxpayer participating on a payment agreement must be applied first to the oldest delinquent year unless such taxpayer requests otherwise.

Partial payments: Acceptance of partial payments for current and delinquent taxes.

- (c)(i) In addition to the payment agreement program in (b) of this subsection, the treasurer may accept partial payment of any current and delinquent taxes including interest and penalties by any means authorized including electronic bill presentment and payments.
- (ii) All tax payments received by a treasurer for delinquent year taxes from a taxpayer paying a partial payment must be applied first to the oldest delinquent year unless such taxpayer requests otherwise.

Payment for delinquent taxes.

(d) Payments on past due taxes must include collection of the oldest delinquent year, which includes interest, penalties, and taxes within an eighteen-month period, prior to filing a certificate of delinquency under chapter 84.64 RCW or distraint pursuant to RCW 84.56.070.

Due date for tax payments.

(16) All taxes upon real and personal property made payable by the provisions of this title are due and payable to the treasurer on or before the thirtieth day of April and are delinquent after that date. The remainder of the tax is due and payable on or before the following thirty-first of October and is delinquent after that date. All other assessments, fees, rates, and charges are delinquent after the due date.

Electronic funds transfers.

- (17) A county treasurer may authorize payment of:
- (a) Any current property taxes due under this chapter by electronic funds transfers on a monthly or other periodic basis; and
- (b) Any past due property taxes, penalties, and interest under this chapter by electronic funds transfers on a monthly or other periodic basis. Delinquent taxes are subject to interest and penalties, as provided in subsection (5) of this section. All tax payments received by a treasurer from a taxpayer paying delinquent year taxes must be applied first to the oldest delinquent year unless such taxpayer requests otherwise.

Payment for administering prepayment collections.

(18) The treasurer must pay any collection costs, investment earnings, or both on past due payments or prepayments to the credit of a county treasurer service fund account to be created and used only for the payment of expenses incurred by the treasurer, without limitation, in administering the system for collecting prepayments.

Waiver of interest and penalties for qualified taxpayers

subject to foreclosure.

- (19) No earlier than sixty days prior to the date that is three years after the date of delinquency, the treasurer must waive all outstanding interest and penalties on delinquent taxes due from a taxpayer if the property is subject to an action for foreclosure under chapter 84.64 RCW and the following requirements are
- (a) The taxpayer is income-qualified under RCW 84.36.381(5)(a), as verified by the county assessor;
- (b) The taxpayer occupies the property as their principal place of residence; and
- (c) The taxpayer has not previously received a waiver on the property as provided under this subsection.

Definitions.

- (20) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- (a) "Electronic billing and payment" means statements, invoices, or bills that are created, delivered, and paid using the internet. The term includes an automatic electronic payment from a person's checking account, debit account, or credit card.
- (b) "Internet" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 19.270.010.
- (c) "Tax foreclosure avoidance costs" means those direct costs associated with the administration of properties subject to and prior to foreclosure. Tax foreclosure avoidance costs include:
- (i) Compensation of employees for the time devoted to administering the avoidance of property foreclosure; and
- (ii) The cost of materials, services, or equipment acquired, consumed, or expended in administering tax foreclosure avoidance prior to the filing of a certificate of delinquency.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "foreclosure;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 84.56.020; and providing an effective date."

Senators Rolfes and Wilson, L. spoke in favor of adoption of the committee striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the committee striking amendment by the Committee on Ways & Means to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1410.

The motion by Senator Rolfes carried and the committee striking amendment was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Rolfes, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1410, as amended by the Senate, was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Rolfes and Padden spoke in favor of passage of the

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1410 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1410, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Braun, Brown, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato,

Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1410, as amended by the Senate, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

MOTION

At 3:40 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

The Senate was called to order at 3:49 p.m. by President Heck.

The Senate resumed consideration of Substitute House Bill No. 1155 which it had deferred earlier in the day.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1155, by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Riccelli, Ormsby and Lekanoff)

Concerning sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities.

MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE RECONSIDERATION

Senator Liias moved to immediately reconsider the vote by which the committee striking amendment to Substitute House Bill No. 1155 passed the Senate today.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the motion by Senator Liias that the Senate immediately reconsider the vote by which the committee striking amendment to Substitute House Bill No. 1155 passed the Senate.

The motion for immediate reconsideration carried by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Short moved that the following floor amendment no. 613 by Senator Short be adopted:

On page 2, line 13, after (b), insert "City representation in the interlocal agreement process must include a representative from the mayor's office and the city council president. In a city that operates under a council-manager form of government under chapter 35.18 or 35A.13 RCW, city representation must include the city manager or the city manager's designee.

(c)"

Correct any internal references accordingly.

Senators Short and Kuderer spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment to the committee striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of floor amendment no. 613 by Senator Short on page 2, line 13 to the committee striking amendment.

The motion by Senator Short carried and floor amendment no. 613 was adopted by voice vote.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of the committee striking amendment by the Committee on Housing & Local Government as amended to Substitute House Bill No. 1155.

The motion by Senator Kuderer carried and the committee striking amendment as amended was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Kuderer, the rules were suspended, Substitute House Bill No. 1155, as amended by the Senate, was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Kuderer and Fortunato spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1155 as amended by the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1155, as amended by the Senate, and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 29; Nays, 20; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Sheldon, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Braun, Brown, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, Honeyford, King, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1155, as amended by the Senate, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1236, by House Committee on Housing, Human Services & Veterans (originally sponsored by Macri, Taylor, Dolan, Gregerson, Berry, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Simmons, Ramel, Bateman, J. Johnson, Hackney, Chopp, Thai, Peterson, Santos, Orwall, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Wicks, Lekanoff, Slatter, Berg, Senn, Harris-Talley, Ormsby and Pollet)

Protecting residential tenants from the beginning to end of their tenancies by penalizing the inclusion of unlawful lease provisions and limiting the reasons for eviction, refusal to continue, and termination.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

Senator Kuderer moved that the following committee striking amendment by the Committee on Housing & Local Government be not adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the

following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 59.18.030 and 2019 c 356 s 5, 2019 c 232 s 24, and 2019 c 23 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Active duty" means service authorized by the president of the United States, the secretary of defense, or the governor for a period of more than ((thirty)) 30 consecutive days.
- (2) "Certificate of inspection" means an unsworn statement, declaration, verification, or certificate made in accordance with the requirements of chapter 5.50 RCW by a qualified inspector that states that the landlord has not failed to fulfill any substantial obligation imposed under RCW 59.18.060 that endangers or impairs the health or safety of a tenant, including (a) structural members that are of insufficient size or strength to carry imposed loads with safety, (b) exposure of the occupants to the weather, (c) plumbing and sanitation defects that directly expose the occupants to the risk of illness or injury, (d) not providing facilities adequate to supply heat and water and hot water as reasonably required by the tenant, (e) providing heating or ventilation systems that are not functional or are hazardous, (f) defective, hazardous, or missing electrical wiring or electrical service, (g) defective or hazardous exits that increase the risk of injury to occupants, and (h) conditions that increase the risk of
- (3) "Commercially reasonable manner," with respect to a sale of a deceased tenant's personal property, means a sale where every aspect of the sale, including the method, manner, time, place, and other terms, must be commercially reasonable. If commercially reasonable, a landlord may sell the tenant's property by public or private proceedings, by one or more contracts, as a unit or in parcels, and at any time and place and on any terms.
- (4) "Comprehensive reusable tenant screening report" means a tenant screening report prepared by a consumer reporting agency at the direction of and paid for by the prospective tenant and made available directly to a prospective landlord at no charge, which contains all of the following: (a) A consumer credit report prepared by a consumer reporting agency within the past ((thirty)) 30 days; (b) the prospective tenant's criminal history; (c) the prospective tenant's eviction history; (d) an employment verification; and (e) the prospective tenant's address and rental history.
- (5) "Criminal history" means a report containing or summarizing (a) the prospective tenant's criminal convictions and pending cases, the final disposition of which antedates the report by no more than seven years, and (b) the results of a sex offender registry and United States department of the treasury's office of foreign assets control search, all based on at least seven years of address history and alias information provided by the prospective tenant or available in the consumer credit report.
- (6) "Designated person" means a person designated by the tenant under RCW 59.18.590.
- (7) "Distressed home" has the same meaning as in RCW 61.34.020.
- (8) "Distressed home conveyance" has the same meaning as in RCW 61.34.020.
- (9) "Distressed home purchaser" has the same meaning as in RCW 61.34.020.
- (10) "Dwelling unit" is a structure or that part of a structure which is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person or by two or more persons maintaining a common household, including but not limited to single-family residences and units of multiplexes, apartment buildings, and mobile homes.
 - (11) "Eviction history" means a report containing or

- summarizing the contents of any records of unlawful detainer actions concerning the prospective tenant that are reportable in accordance with state law, are lawful for landlords to consider, and are obtained after a search based on at least seven years of address history and alias information provided by the prospective tenant or available in the consumer credit report.
- (12) "Gang" means a group that: (a) Consists of three or more persons; (b) has identifiable leadership or an identifiable name, sign, or symbol; and (c) on an ongoing basis, regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes.
- (13) "Gang-related activity" means any activity that occurs within the gang or advances a gang purpose.
 - (14) "In danger of foreclosure" means any of the following:
- (a) The homeowner has defaulted on the mortgage and, under the terms of the mortgage, the mortgage has the right to accelerate full payment of the mortgage and repossess, sell, or cause to be sold the property;
- (b) The homeowner is at least (($\frac{\text{thirty}}{\text{)}}$) 30 days delinquent on any loan that is secured by the property; or
- (c) The homeowner has a good faith belief that he or she is likely to default on the mortgage within the upcoming four months due to a lack of funds, and the homeowner has reported this belief to:
 - (i) The mortgagee;
- (ii) A person licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 19.134 RCW;
- (iii) A person licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 19.146 RCW;
- (iv) A person licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 18.85 RCW;
 - (v) An attorney-at-law;
- (vi) A mortgage counselor or other credit counselor licensed or certified by any federal, state, or local agency; or
 - (vii) Any other party to a distressed property conveyance.
- (15) "Landlord" means the owner, lessor, or sublessor of the dwelling unit or the property of which it is a part, and in addition means any person designated as representative of the owner, lessor, or sublessor including, but not limited to, an agent, a resident manager, or a designated property manager.
- (16) "Mortgage" is used in the general sense and includes all instruments, including deeds of trust, that are used to secure an obligation by an interest in real property.
- (17) "Orders" means written official military orders, or any written notification, certification, or verification from the service member's commanding officer, with respect to the service member's current or future military status.
- (18) "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested:
 - (a) All or any part of the legal title to property; or
- (b) All or part of the beneficial ownership, and a right to present use and enjoyment of the property.
- (19) "Permanent change of station" means: (a) Transfer to a unit located at another port or duty station; (b) change in a unit's home port or permanent duty station; (c) call to active duty for a period not less than ((ninety)) 90 days; (d) separation; or (e) retirement.
- (20) "Person" means an individual, group of individuals, corporation, government, or governmental agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, or association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (21) "Premises" means a dwelling unit, appurtenances thereto, grounds, and facilities held out for the use of tenants generally and any other area or facility which is held out for use by the tenant.
 - (22) "Property" or "rental property" means all dwelling units

- on a contiguous quantity of land managed by the same landlord as a single, rental complex.
- (23) "Prospective landlord" means a landlord or a person who advertises, solicits, offers, or otherwise holds a dwelling unit out as available for rent.
- (24) "Prospective tenant" means a tenant or a person who has applied for residential housing that is governed under this chapter.
- (25) "Qualified inspector" means a United States department of housing and urban development certified inspector; a Washington state licensed home inspector; an American society of home inspectors certified inspector; a private inspector certified by the national association of housing and redevelopment officials, the American association of code enforcement, or other comparable professional association as approved by the local municipality; a municipal code enforcement officer; a Washington licensed structural engineer; or a Washington licensed architect.
- (26) "Reasonable attorneys' fees," where authorized in this chapter, means an amount to be determined including the following factors: The time and labor required, the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved, the skill requisite to perform the legal service properly, the fee customarily charged in the locality for similar legal services, the amount involved and the results obtained, and the experience, reputation and ability of the lawyer or lawyers performing the services.
- (27) "Reasonable manner," with respect to disposing of a deceased tenant's personal property, means to dispose of the property by donation to a not-for-profit charitable organization, by removal of the property by a trash hauler or recycler, or by any other method that is reasonable under the circumstances.
- (28) "Rent" or "rental amount" means recurring and periodic charges identified in the rental agreement for the use and occupancy of the premises, which may include charges for utilities. Except as provided in RCW 59.18.283(3), these terms do not include nonrecurring charges for costs incurred due to late payment, damages, deposits, legal costs, or other fees, including attorneys' fees.
- (29) "Rental agreement" means all agreements which establish or modify the terms, conditions, rules, regulations, or any other provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit.
- (30) "Service member" means an active member of the United States armed forces, a member of a military reserve component, or a member of the national guard who is either stationed in or a resident of Washington state.
- (31) A "single-family residence" is a structure maintained and used as a single dwelling unit. Notwithstanding that a dwelling unit shares one or more walls with another dwelling unit, it shall be deemed a single-family residence if it has direct access to a street and shares neither heating facilities nor hot water equipment, nor any other essential facility or service, with any other dwelling unit.
- (32) A "tenant" is any person who is entitled to occupy a dwelling unit primarily for living or dwelling purposes under a rental agreement.
 - (33) "Tenant representative" means:
- (a) A personal representative of a deceased tenant's estate if known to the landlord;
- (b) If the landlord has no knowledge that a personal representative has been appointed for the deceased tenant's estate, a person claiming to be a successor of the deceased tenant who has provided the landlord with proof of death and an affidavit made by the person that meets the requirements of RCW 11.62.010(2);
- (c) In the absence of a personal representative under (a) of this subsection or a person claiming to be a successor under (b) of this subsection, a designated person; or
 - (d) In the absence of a personal representative under (a) of this

- subsection, a person claiming to be a successor under (b) of this subsection, or a designated person under (c) of this subsection, any person who provides the landlord with reasonable evidence that he or she is a successor of the deceased tenant as defined in RCW 11.62.005. The landlord has no obligation to identify all of the deceased tenant's successors.
- (34) "Tenant screening" means using a consumer report or other information about a prospective tenant in deciding whether to make or accept an offer for residential rental property to or from a prospective tenant.
- (35) "Tenant screening report" means a consumer report as defined in RCW 19.182.010 and any other information collected by a tenant screening service.
- (36) "Immediate family" includes state registered domestic partner, spouse, parents, grandparents, children, including foster children, siblings, and in-laws.
- (37) "Subsidized housing" refers to rental housing for very low-income or low-income households that is a dwelling unit operated directly by a public housing authority or its affiliate, or that is insured, financed, or assisted in whole or in part through one of the following sources:
- (a) A federal program or state housing program administered by the department of commerce or the Washington state housing finance commission;
- (b) A federal housing program administered by a city or county government;
- (c) An affordable housing levy authorized under RCW 84.52.105; or
- (d) The surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and 36.22.179 and any of the surcharges authorized in chapter 43.185C RCW.
- (38) "Transitional housing" means housing units owned, operated, or managed by a nonprofit organization or governmental entity in which supportive services are provided to individuals and families that were formerly homeless, with the intent to stabilize them and move them to permanent housing within a period of not more than twenty-four months, or longer if the program is limited to tenants within a specified age range or the program is intended for tenants in need of time to complete and transition from educational or training or service programs.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW to read as follows:
- (1)(a) A landlord may not evict a tenant, refuse to continue a tenancy, or terminate a periodic tenancy except for the causes enumerated in subsection (2) of this section and as otherwise provided in this subsection.
- (b) A landlord may terminate a tenancy without cause at the end of an initial lease term that is between three to 12 months upon at least 60 days' prior written notice, served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040. If a landlord does not provide at least 60 days' notice, the tenancy becomes a month-to-month tenancy until further agreement of the landlord and tenant, and may only be terminated for the causes enumerated in subsection (2) of this section.
- (c) For all other tenancies of a specified period, and for tenancies of an indefinite period on a month-to-month or periodic basis, a landlord may not terminate the tenancy except for the causes enumerated in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the end date of the tenancy of a specified period, the tenancy becomes a month-to-month tenancy.
- (d) Nothing prohibits a landlord and tenant from entering into subsequent lease agreements that are in compliance with the termination requirements in subsection (2) of this section.
- (e) A tenant may terminate a tenancy for a specified time by providing notice in writing not less than 20 days prior to the

- ending date of the specified time.
- (2) The following reasons listed in this subsection, and no others, constitute cause to evict a tenant, refuse to continue a tenancy, or terminate a periodic tenancy:
- (a) The tenant continues in possession in person or by subtenant after a default in the payment of rent, and after written notice requiring, in the alternative, the payment of the rent or the surrender of the detained premises has remained uncomplied with for the period set forth in RCW 59.12.030(3) for tenants subject to this chapter. The written notice may be served at any time after the rent becomes due, provided the unpaid rent did not accrue between March 1, 2020, and the end of a declared federal or state public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If the tenant accrues unpaid rent between March 1, 2020, and the end of a declared federal or state public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the landlord shall have offered a reasonable schedule for the repayment of unpaid rent that does not exceed monthly payments equal to one-third of the monthly rental charges during the period of accrued debt. If a tenant fails to accept the terms of a reasonable repayment plan within 14 days of the landlord's offer or defaults on any rent owed under a repayment plan, the landlord may proceed with an unlawful detainer action as set forth in RCW 59.12.030(3). The court shall consider the tenant's circumstances, including decreased income or increased expenses due to COVID-19, and the repayment plan terms offered during any unlawful detainer proceeding;
- (b) The tenant continues in possession after substantial breach of a material program requirement of subsidized housing, material term subscribed to by the tenant within the lease or rental agreement, or a tenant obligation imposed by law, other than one for monetary damages, and after the landlord has served written notice specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and requiring, in the alternative, that the breach be remedied or the rental agreement will terminate, and the breach has not been adequately remedied by the date specified in the notice, which date must be at least 10 days after service of the notice;
- (c) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least three days' written notice to quit after he or she commits or permits waste or nuisance upon the premises, unlawful activity that affects the use and enjoyment of the premises, or other substantial or repeated and unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of the premises by the landlord or neighbors of the tenant:
- (d) The tenant continues in possession after the landlord of a dwelling unit in good faith seeks possession so that the owner or his or her immediate family may occupy the unit as that person's principal residence and no substantially equivalent unit is vacant and available to house the owner or his or her immediate family in the same building, and the owner has provided at least 90 days' advance written notice of the date the tenant's possession is to end. There is a rebuttable presumption that the owner did not act in good faith if the owner or immediate family fails to occupy the unit as a principal residence for at least 60 consecutive days during the 90 days immediately after the tenant vacated the unit pursuant to a notice of termination using this subsection (2)(d) as the cause for termination;
- (e) The tenant continues in possession after the owner elects to sell a single-family residence and the landlord has provided at least 90 days' advance written notice of the date the tenant's possession is to end. For the purposes of this subsection (2)(e), an owner "elects to sell" when the owner makes reasonable attempts to sell the dwelling within 30 days after the tenant has vacated, including, at a minimum, listing it for sale at a reasonable price with a realty agency or advertising it for sale at a reasonable price by listing it on the real estate multiple listing service. There shall

be a rebuttable presumption that the owner did not intend to sell the unit if:

- (i) Within 30 days after the tenant has vacated, the owner does not list the single-family dwelling unit for sale at a reasonable price with a realty agency or advertise it for sale at a reasonable price by listing it on the real estate multiple listing service; or
- (ii) Within 90 days after the date the tenant vacated or the date the property was listed for sale, whichever is later, the owner withdraws the rental unit from the market, the landlord rents the unit to someone other than the former tenant, or the landlord otherwise indicates that the owner does not intend to sell the unit;
- (f) The tenant continues in possession of the premises after the landlord serves the tenant with advance written notice pursuant to RCW 59.18.200(2)(c);
- (g) The tenant continues in possession after the owner elects to withdraw the premises to pursue a conversion pursuant to RCW 64.34.440 or 64.90.655:
- (h) The tenant continues in possession, after the landlord has provided 30 days' prior written notice that: (i) The premises has been certified or condemned as uninhabitable by a local agency charged with the authority to issue such an order; and (ii) continued habitation of the premises would subject the landlord to civil or criminal penalties. However, if the terms of the local agency's order do not allow the landlord to provide 30 days' advance written notice, the landlord must provide as much advance written notice as is possible and still comply with the order:
- (i) The tenant continues in possession after an owner or lessor, with whom the tenant shares the dwelling unit or access to a common kitchen or bathroom area, has served a 20-day notice to vacate prior to the end of the rental term or, if a periodic tenancy, the end of the rental period;
- (j) The tenant continues in possession of a dwelling unit in transitional housing after having received a 30-day notice to vacate in advance of the expiration of the transitional housing program, the tenant has aged out of the transitional housing program, or the tenant has completed an educational or training or service program and is no longer eligible to participate in the transitional housing program. Nothing in this subsection (2)(j) prohibits the termination of a tenancy in transitional housing for any of the other causes specified in this subsection;
- (k) The tenant continues in possession of a dwelling unit in subsidized housing after the expiration of a rental agreement without signing a proposed new rental agreement proffered by the landlord; provided, that the landlord proffered the proposed new rental agreement at least 30 days and no more than 90 days prior to the expiration of the current rental agreement and that any new terms and conditions of the proposed new rental agreement are reasonable. This subsection (2)(k) does not apply to tenants whose tenancies are or have become periodic;
- (l) The tenant continues in possession after having received a 30-day notice to vacate due to intentional, knowing, and material misrepresentations or omissions made on the tenant's application at the inception of the tenancy that, had these misrepresentations or omissions not been made, would have resulted in the landlord requesting additional information or taking an adverse action;
- (m) The tenant continues in possession after having received a 60-day notice to vacate for other good cause prior to the termination of the period or rental agreement and such cause constitutes a legitimate economic or business reason not covered or related to a basis for termination enumerated under this subsection (2). When the landlord relies on this basis for termination of the tenancy, the court may stay any writ of restitution for up to 60 additional days for good cause shown, including difficulty procuring alternative housing. The court must condition such a stay upon the tenant's continued payment of rent

- during the stay period. Upon granting such a stay, the court must award court costs and fees as allowed under this chapter;
- (n)(i) The tenant continues in possession after having received a notice to vacate at least 60 days prior to the termination of the period or rental agreement and the tenant has committed four or more of the following violations, other than ones for monetary damages, within the preceding 12-month period, the tenant has remedied or cured the violation, and the landlord has provided the tenant a written warning notice at the time of each violation: A substantial breach of a material program requirement of subsidized housing, a substantial breach of a material term subscribed to by the tenant within the lease or rental agreement, or a substantial breach of a tenant obligation imposed by law;
 - (ii) Each written warning notice must:
 - (A) Specify the violation;
 - (B) Provide the tenant an opportunity to cure the violation;
- (C) State that the landlord may choose to terminate the tenancy at the end of the rental term if there are four violations within a 12-month period preceding the end of the term; and
- (D) State that correcting the fourth or subsequent violation is not a defense to termination under this subsection;
 - (iii) The 60-day notice of termination must:
- (A) State that the rental agreement will terminate upon the specified ending date for the rental term or upon a designated date not less than 60 days after the delivery of the notice, whichever is later:
- (B) Specify the reason for the termination and supporting facts; and
- (C) Be served to the tenant concurrent with or after the fourth or subsequent written warning notice;
- (iv) The notice under this subsection must include all notices supporting the basis of termination;
- (v) Any notices asserted under this subsection must pertain to four or more separate incidents or occurrences; and
- (vi) This subsection (2)(n) does not absolve a landlord from demonstrating by admissible evidence that the four or more violations constituted breaches under (b) of this subsection at the time of the violation had the tenant not remedied or cured the violation:
- (o) The tenant continues in possession after having received a 60-day notice to vacate prior to the termination of the rental period or rental agreement if the tenant has been required to register as a sex offender during the tenancy, or prior to the tenancy if not disclosed when required in the rental application or otherwise known to the property owner at the beginning of the tenancy;
- (p) The tenant continues in possession after having received a 20-day notice to vacate prior to the termination of the rental period or rental agreement if the tenant has made unwanted sexual advances or other acts of sexual harassment directed at the property owner, property manager, property employee, or another tenant based on the person's race, gender, or other protected status in violation of any covenant or term in the lease.
- (3) When a tenant has permanently vacated due to voluntary or involuntary events, other than by termination of the tenancy by the landlord, any remaining occupants who had coresided with the tenant prior to and up to the time the tenant permanently vacated must immediately apply or reapply as a prospective tenant to continue to reside in the dwelling unit and must meet the same screening, background, and financial criteria as would any other prospective tenant to continue the tenancy on the same terms and conditions as the vacating tenant. If the occupant fails to apply within 90 days of when the primary tenant vacates or the application is denied for failure to meet the criteria, the landlord may commence an unlawful detainer action under this chapter. If an occupant succeeds to the tenancy pursuant to this subsection,

- a landlord may not terminate the tenancy except as provided under subsection (2) of this section. This subsection does not apply to tenants residing in subsidized housing.
- (4) A landlord who removes a tenant or causes a tenant to be removed from a dwelling in any way in violation of this section is liable to the tenant for wrongful eviction, and the tenant prevailing in such an action is entitled to the greater of their economic and noneconomic damages or three times the monthly rent of the dwelling at issue, and reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (2)(d), (e), or (f) of this section permits a landlord to terminate a tenancy for a specified period before the completion of the term unless the landlord and the tenant mutually consent, in writing, to early termination and the tenant is afforded at least 60 days to vacate.
- (6) All written notices required under subsection (2) of this section must:
 - (a) Be served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040; and
- (b) Identify the facts and circumstances known and available to the landlord at the time of the issuance of the notice that support the cause or causes with enough specificity so as to enable the tenant to respond and prepare a defense to any incidents alleged. The landlord may present additional facts and circumstances regarding the allegations within the notice if such evidence was unknown or unavailable at the time of the issuance of the notice.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 59.18.200 and 2019 c 339 s 1 and 2019 c 23 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1)(a) When premises are rented for an indefinite time, with monthly or other periodic rent reserved, such tenancy shall be construed to be a tenancy from month to month, or from period to period on which rent is payable, and shall be terminated by written notice of ((twenty)) 20 days or more, preceding the end of any of the months or periods of tenancy, given by ((either party)) the tenant to the ((other)) landlord.
- (b) Any tenant who is a member of the armed forces, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, or that tenant's spouse or dependent, may terminate a rental agreement with less than ((twenty)) 20 days' written notice if the tenant receives permanent change of station or deployment orders that do not allow a ((twenty)) 20-day written notice.
- (2)(a) Whenever a landlord plans to change to a policy of excluding children, the landlord shall give a written notice to a tenant at least ((ninety)) 90 days before termination of the tenancy to effectuate such change in policy. Such ((ninety)) 90-day notice shall be in lieu of the notice required by subsection (1) of this section. However, if after giving the ((ninety)) 90-day notice the change in policy is delayed, the notice requirements of subsection (1) of this section shall apply unless waived by the tenant.
- (b) Whenever a landlord plans to change any apartment or apartments to a condominium form of ownership, the landlord shall provide a written notice to a tenant at least ((one hundred twenty)) 120 days before termination of the tenancy, in compliance with RCW 64.34.440(1), to effectuate such change. The ((one hundred twenty day)) 120-day notice is in lieu of the notice required in subsection (1) of this section. However, if after providing the ((one hundred twenty day)) 120-day notice the change to a condominium form of ownership is delayed, the notice requirements in subsection (1) of this section apply unless waived by the tenant.
- (c)(i) Whenever a landlord plans to demolish or substantially rehabilitate premises or plans a change of use of premises, the landlord shall provide a written notice to a tenant at least ((one hundred twenty)) 120 days before termination of the tenancy. This subsection (2)(c)(i) does not apply to jurisdictions that have created a relocation assistance program under RCW 59.18.440

- and otherwise provide ((one hundred twenty)) 120 days' notice.
 - (ii) For purposes of this subsection (2)(c):
- (A) "Assisted housing development" means a multifamily rental housing development that either receives government assistance and is defined as federally assisted housing in RCW 59.28.020, or that receives other federal, state, or local government assistance and is subject to use restrictions.
- (B) "Change of use" means: (I) Conversion of any premises from a residential use to a nonresidential use that results in the displacement of an existing tenant; (II) conversion from one type of residential use to another type of residential use that results in the displacement of an existing tenant, such as conversion to a retirement home, emergency shelter, or transient hotel; or (III) conversion following removal of use restrictions from an assisted housing development that results in the displacement of an existing tenant: PROVIDED, That displacement of an existing tenant in order that the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family may occupy the premises does not constitute a change of use.
- (C) "Demolish" means the destruction of premises or the relocation of premises to another site that results in the displacement of an existing tenant.
- (D) "Substantially rehabilitate" means extensive structural repair or extensive remodeling of premises that requires a permit such as a building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permit, and that results in the displacement of an existing tenant.
- (3) A person in violation of subsection (2)(c)(i) of this section may be held liable in a civil action up to three times the monthly rent of the real property at issue. The prevailing ((party)) tenant may also recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- **Sec. 4.** RCW 59.18.220 and 2019 c 23 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) ((In all)) Except as limited under section 2 of this act, in cases where premises are rented for a specified time, by express or implied contract, the tenancy shall be deemed terminated at the end of such specified time upon notice consistent with section 2 of this act, served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040.
- (2) Any tenant who is a member of the armed forces, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, or that tenant's spouse or dependent, may terminate a tenancy for a specified time if the tenant receives permanent change of station or deployment orders. Before terminating the tenancy, the tenant, or that tenant's spouse or dependent, shall provide written notice of ((twenty)) 20 days or more to the landlord, which notice shall include a copy of the official military orders or a signed letter from the service member's commanding officer confirming any of the following criteria are met:
- (a) The service member is required, pursuant to a permanent change of station orders, to move ((thirty five)) 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises;
- (b) The service member is prematurely or involuntarily discharged or released from active duty;
- (c) The service member is released from active duty after having leased the rental premises while on active duty status and the rental premises is ((thirty five)) 35 miles or more from the service member's home of record prior to entering active duty;
- (d) After entering into a rental agreement, the commanding officer directs the service member to move into government provided housing;
- (e) The service member receives temporary duty orders, temporary change of station orders, or active duty orders to an area ((thirty five)) 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises, provided such orders are for a period not less than ((ninety)) 90 days; or
 - (f) The service member has leased the property, but prior to

taking possession of the rental premises, receives change of station orders to an area that is ((thirty five)) <u>35</u> miles or more from the location of the rental premises.

- **Sec. 5.** RCW 59.18.230 and 2020 c 315 s 6 and 2020 c 177 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1)(a) Any provision of a lease or other agreement, whether oral or written, whereby any section or subsection of this chapter is waived except as provided in RCW 59.18.360 and shall be deemed against public policy and shall be unenforceable. Such unenforceability shall not affect other provisions of the agreement which can be given effect without them.
- (b) A landlord may not threaten a tenant with eviction for failure to pay nonpossessory charges limited under RCW 59.18.283.
 - (2) No rental agreement may provide that the tenant:
- (a) Agrees to waive or to forgo rights or remedies under this chapter; or
- (b) Authorizes any person to confess judgment on a claim arising out of the rental agreement; or
- (c) Agrees to pay the landlord's attorneys' fees, except as authorized in this chapter; or
- (d) Agrees to the exculpation or limitation of any liability of the landlord arising under law or to indemnify the landlord for that liability or the costs connected therewith; or
- (e) And landlord have agreed to a particular arbitrator at the time the rental agreement is entered into; or
- (f) Agrees to pay late fees for rent that is paid within five days following its due date. If rent is more than five days past due, the landlord may charge late fees commencing from the first day after the due date until paid. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a landlord from serving a notice to pay or vacate at any time after the rent becomes due.
- (3) A provision prohibited by subsection (2) of this section included in a rental agreement is unenforceable. If a landlord ((deliberately)) knowingly uses a rental agreement containing provisions known by him or her to be prohibited, the tenant may recover actual damages sustained by him or her, statutory damages not to exceed ((five hundred dollars)) two times the monthly rent charged for the unit, costs of suit, and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- (4) The common law right of the landlord of distress for rent is hereby abolished for property covered by this chapter. Any provision in a rental agreement creating a lien upon the personal property of the tenant or authorizing a distress for rent is null and void and of no force and effect. Any landlord who takes or detains the personal property of a tenant without the specific written consent of the tenant to such incident of taking or detention, and who, after written demand by the tenant for the return of his or her personal property, refuses to return the same promptly shall be liable to the tenant for the value of the property retained, actual damages, and if the refusal is intentional, may also be liable for damages of up to ((five hundred dollars)) \$500 per day but not to exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$5,000, for each day or part of a day that the tenant is deprived of his or her property. The prevailing party may recover his or her costs of suit and a reasonable attorneys' fee.

In any action, including actions pursuant to chapters 7.64 or 12.28 RCW, brought by a tenant or other person to recover possession of his or her personal property taken or detained by a landlord in violation of this section, the court, upon motion and after notice to the opposing parties, may waive or reduce any bond requirements where it appears to be to the satisfaction of the court that the moving party is proceeding in good faith and has, prima facie, a meritorious claim for immediate delivery or redelivery of said property.

Sec. 6. RCW 59.12.030 and 2019 c 356 s 2 are each amended

- to read as follows:
- ((A)) Except as limited under section 2 of this act relating to tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW, a tenant of real property for a term less than life is liable for unlawful detainer either:
- (1) When he or she holds over or continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, of the property or any part thereof after the expiration of the term for which it is let to him or her. When real property is leased for a specified term or period by express or implied contract, whether written or oral, the tenancy shall be terminated without notice at the expiration of the specified term or period;
- (2) When he or she, having leased property for an indefinite time with monthly or other periodic rent reserved, continues in possession thereof, in person or by subtenant, after the end of any such month or period, when the landlord, more than ((twenty)) 20 days prior to the end of such month or period, has served notice (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) requiring him or her to quit the premises at the expiration of such month or period;
- (3) When he or she continues in possession in person or by subtenant after a default in the payment of rent, and after notice in writing requiring in the alternative the payment of the rent or the surrender of the detained premises, served (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) on behalf of the person entitled to the rent upon the person owing it, has remained uncomplied with for the period of three days after service, or for the period of ((fourteen)) 14 days after service for tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW. The notice may be served at any time after the rent becomes due. For the purposes of this subsection and as applied to tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW, "rent" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 59.18.030:
- (4) When he or she continues in possession in person or by subtenant after a neglect or failure to keep or perform any condition or covenant of the lease or agreement under which the property is held, including any covenant not to assign or sublet, other than one for the payment of rent, and after notice in writing requiring in the alternative the performance of such condition or covenant or the surrender of the property, served (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) upon him or her, and if there is a subtenant in actual possession of the premises, also upon such subtenant, shall remain uncomplied with for ((ten)) 10 days after service thereof. Within ((ten)) 10 days after the service of such notice the tenant, or any subtenant in actual occupation of the premises, or any mortgagee of the term, or other person interested in its continuance, may perform such condition or covenant and thereby save the lease from such forfeiture. For the purposes of this subsection and as applied to tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW, "rent" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 59.18.030;
- (5) When he or she commits or permits waste upon the demised premises, or when he or she sets up or carries on thereon any unlawful business, or when he or she erects, suffers, permits, or maintains on or about the premises any nuisance, and remains in possession after the service (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) upon him or her of three days' notice to quit;
- (6) A person who, without the permission of the owner and without having color of title thereto, enters upon land of another and who fails or refuses to remove therefrom after three days' notice, in writing and served upon him or her in the manner provided in RCW 59.12.040. Such person may also be subject to the criminal provisions of chapter 9A.52 RCW; or
- (7) When he or she commits or permits any gang-related activity at the premises as prohibited by RCW 59.18.130.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately."
 - On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "termination;" strike the

remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 59.18.220 and 59.12.030; reenacting and amending RCW 59.18.030, 59.18.200, and 59.18.230; adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency."

Senator Kuderer spoke in favor of not adopting the committee striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be to not adopt the committee striking amendment by the Committee on Housing & Local Government to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1236.

The motion by Senator Kuderer carried and the committee striking amendment was not adopt by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Mullet moved that the following striking floor amendment no. 576 by Senator Mullet be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 59.18.030 and 2019 c 356 s 5, 2019 c 232 s 24, and 2019 c 23 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Active duty" means service authorized by the president of the United States, the secretary of defense, or the governor for a period of more than ((thirty)) 30 consecutive days.
- (2) "Certificate of inspection" means an unsworn statement, declaration, verification, or certificate made in accordance with the requirements of chapter 5.50 RCW by a qualified inspector that states that the landlord has not failed to fulfill any substantial obligation imposed under RCW 59.18.060 that endangers or impairs the health or safety of a tenant, including (a) structural members that are of insufficient size or strength to carry imposed loads with safety, (b) exposure of the occupants to the weather, (c) plumbing and sanitation defects that directly expose the occupants to the risk of illness or injury, (d) not providing facilities adequate to supply heat and water and hot water as reasonably required by the tenant, (e) providing heating or ventilation systems that are not functional or are hazardous, (f) defective, hazardous, or missing electrical wiring or electrical service, (g) defective or hazardous exits that increase the risk of injury to occupants, and (h) conditions that increase the risk of
- (3) "Commercially reasonable manner," with respect to a sale of a deceased tenant's personal property, means a sale where every aspect of the sale, including the method, manner, time, place, and other terms, must be commercially reasonable. If commercially reasonable, a landlord may sell the tenant's property by public or private proceedings, by one or more contracts, as a unit or in parcels, and at any time and place and on any terms.
- (4) "Comprehensive reusable tenant screening report" means a tenant screening report prepared by a consumer reporting agency at the direction of and paid for by the prospective tenant and made available directly to a prospective landlord at no charge, which contains all of the following: (a) A consumer credit report prepared by a consumer reporting agency within the past ((thirty)) 30 days; (b) the prospective tenant's criminal history; (c) the prospective tenant's eviction history; (d) an employment verification; and (e) the prospective tenant's address and rental history.
- (5) "Criminal history" means a report containing or summarizing (a) the prospective tenant's criminal convictions and

- pending cases, the final disposition of which antedates the report by no more than seven years, and (b) the results of a sex offender registry and United States department of the treasury's office of foreign assets control search, all based on at least seven years of address history and alias information provided by the prospective tenant or available in the consumer credit report.
- (6) "Designated person" means a person designated by the tenant under RCW 59.18.590.
- (7) "Distressed home" has the same meaning as in RCW 61.34.020.
- (8) "Distressed home conveyance" has the same meaning as in RCW 61.34.020.
- (9) "Distressed home purchaser" has the same meaning as in RCW 61.34.020.
- (10) "Dwelling unit" is a structure or that part of a structure which is used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by one person or by two or more persons maintaining a common household, including but not limited to single-family residences and units of multiplexes, apartment buildings, and mobile homes.
- (11) "Eviction history" means a report containing or summarizing the contents of any records of unlawful detainer actions concerning the prospective tenant that are reportable in accordance with state law, are lawful for landlords to consider, and are obtained after a search based on at least seven years of address history and alias information provided by the prospective tenant or available in the consumer credit report.
- (12) "Gang" means a group that: (a) Consists of three or more persons; (b) has identifiable leadership or an identifiable name, sign, or symbol; and (c) on an ongoing basis, regularly conspires and acts in concert mainly for criminal purposes.
- (13) "Gang-related activity" means any activity that occurs within the gang or advances a gang purpose.
 - (14) "In danger of foreclosure" means any of the following:
- (a) The homeowner has defaulted on the mortgage and, under the terms of the mortgage, the mortgagee has the right to accelerate full payment of the mortgage and repossess, sell, or cause to be sold the property;
- (b) The homeowner is at least ((thirty)) 30 days delinquent on any loan that is secured by the property; or
- (c) The homeowner has a good faith belief that he or she is likely to default on the mortgage within the upcoming four months due to a lack of funds, and the homeowner has reported this belief to:
 - (i) The mortgagee;
- (ii) A person licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 19.134 RCW;
- (iii) A person licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 19.146 RCW;
- (iv) A person licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 18.85 RCW;
 - (v) An attorney-at-law;
- (vi) A mortgage counselor or other credit counselor licensed or certified by any federal, state, or local agency; or
 - (vii) Any other party to a distressed property conveyance.
- (15) "Landlord" means the owner, lessor, or sublessor of the dwelling unit or the property of which it is a part, and in addition means any person designated as representative of the owner, lessor, or sublessor including, but not limited to, an agent, a resident manager, or a designated property manager.
- (16) "Mortgage" is used in the general sense and includes all instruments, including deeds of trust, that are used to secure an obligation by an interest in real property.
- (17) "Orders" means written official military orders, or any written notification, certification, or verification from the service member's commanding officer, with respect to the service

member's current or future military status.

- (18) "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested:
 - (a) All or any part of the legal title to property; or
- (b) All or part of the beneficial ownership, and a right to present use and enjoyment of the property.
- (19) "Permanent change of station" means: (a) Transfer to a unit located at another port or duty station; (b) change in a unit's home port or permanent duty station; (c) call to active duty for a period not less than ((ninety)) 90 days; (d) separation; or (e) retirement
- (20) "Person" means an individual, group of individuals, corporation, government, or governmental agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, or association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.
- (21) "Premises" means a dwelling unit, appurtenances thereto, grounds, and facilities held out for the use of tenants generally and any other area or facility which is held out for use by the tenant
- (22) "Property" or "rental property" means all dwelling units on a contiguous quantity of land managed by the same landlord as a single, rental complex.
- (23) "Prospective landlord" means a landlord or a person who advertises, solicits, offers, or otherwise holds a dwelling unit out as available for rent.
- (24) "Prospective tenant" means a tenant or a person who has applied for residential housing that is governed under this chapter.
- (25) "Qualified inspector" means a United States department of housing and urban development certified inspector; a Washington state licensed home inspector; an American society of home inspectors certified inspector; a private inspector certified by the national association of housing and redevelopment officials, the American association of code enforcement, or other comparable professional association as approved by the local municipality; a municipal code enforcement officer; a Washington licensed structural engineer; or a Washington licensed architect.
- (26) "Reasonable attorneys' fees," where authorized in this chapter, means an amount to be determined including the following factors: The time and labor required, the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved, the skill requisite to perform the legal service properly, the fee customarily charged in the locality for similar legal services, the amount involved and the results obtained, and the experience, reputation and ability of the lawyer or lawyers performing the services.
- (27) "Reasonable manner," with respect to disposing of a deceased tenant's personal property, means to dispose of the property by donation to a not-for-profit charitable organization, by removal of the property by a trash hauler or recycler, or by any other method that is reasonable under the circumstances.
- (28) "Rent" or "rental amount" means recurring and periodic charges identified in the rental agreement for the use and occupancy of the premises, which may include charges for utilities. Except as provided in RCW 59.18.283(3), these terms do not include nonrecurring charges for costs incurred due to late payment, damages, deposits, legal costs, or other fees, including attorneys' fees.
- (29) "Rental agreement" or "lease" means all agreements which establish or modify the terms, conditions, rules, regulations, or any other provisions concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit.
- (30) "Service member" means an active member of the United States armed forces, a member of a military reserve component, or a member of the national guard who is either stationed in or a resident of Washington state.
 - (31) A "single-family residence" is a structure maintained and

- used as a single dwelling unit. Notwithstanding that a dwelling unit shares one or more walls with another dwelling unit, it shall be deemed a single-family residence if it has direct access to a street and shares neither heating facilities nor hot water equipment, nor any other essential facility or service, with any other dwelling unit.
- (32) A "tenant" is any person who is entitled to occupy a dwelling unit primarily for living or dwelling purposes under a rental agreement.
 - (33) "Tenant representative" means:
- (a) A personal representative of a deceased tenant's estate if known to the landlord;
- (b) If the landlord has no knowledge that a personal representative has been appointed for the deceased tenant's estate, a person claiming to be a successor of the deceased tenant who has provided the landlord with proof of death and an affidavit made by the person that meets the requirements of RCW 11.62.010(2):
- (c) In the absence of a personal representative under (a) of this subsection or a person claiming to be a successor under (b) of this subsection, a designated person; or
- (d) In the absence of a personal representative under (a) of this subsection, a person claiming to be a successor under (b) of this subsection, or a designated person under (c) of this subsection, any person who provides the landlord with reasonable evidence that he or she is a successor of the deceased tenant as defined in RCW 11.62.005. The landlord has no obligation to identify all of the deceased tenant's successors.
- (34) "Tenant screening" means using a consumer report or other information about a prospective tenant in deciding whether to make or accept an offer for residential rental property to or from a prospective tenant.
- (35) "Tenant screening report" means a consumer report as defined in RCW 19.182.010 and any other information collected by a tenant screening service.
- (36) "Immediate family" includes state registered domestic partner, spouse, parents, grandparents, children, including foster children, siblings, and in-laws.
- (37) "Subsidized housing" refers to rental housing for very low-income or low-income households that is a dwelling unit operated directly by a public housing authority or its affiliate, or that is insured, financed, or assisted in whole or in part through one of the following sources:
- (a) A federal program or state housing program administered by the department of commerce or the Washington state housing finance commission;
- (b) A federal housing program administered by a city or county government;
- (c) An affordable housing levy authorized under RCW 84.52.105; or
- (d) The surcharges authorized in RCW 36.22.178 and 36.22.179 and any of the surcharges authorized in chapter 43.185C RCW.
- (38) "Transitional housing" means housing units owned, operated, or managed by a nonprofit organization or governmental entity in which supportive services are provided to individuals and families that were formerly homeless, with the intent to stabilize them and move them to permanent housing within a period of not more than twenty-four months, or longer if the program is limited to tenants within a specified age range or the program is intended for tenants in need of time to complete and transition from educational or training or service programs.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 59.18 RCW to read as follows:
- (1)(a) A landlord may not evict a tenant, refuse to continue a tenancy, or terminate a periodic tenancy except for the causes

enumerated in subsection (2) of this section and as otherwise provided in this subsection.

- (b) If a landlord and tenant enter into a rental agreement that provides for the tenancy to continue for an indefinite period on a month-to-month or periodic basis after the agreement expires, the landlord may not terminate the tenancy except for the causes enumerated in subsection (2) of this section; however, a landlord may terminate such a tenancy at the end of the initial period of the rental agreement without cause only if:
- (i) At the inception of the tenancy, the landlord and tenant entered into a rental agreement between six and 12 months; and
- (ii) The landlord has provided the tenant before the end of the initial lease period at least 60 days' advance written notice terminating the tenancy, served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040.
- (c) If a landlord and tenant enter into a rental agreement for a specified period in which the tenancy by the terms of the rental agreement does not continue for an indefinite period on a month-to-month or periodic basis after the end of the specified period, the landlord may terminate such a tenancy without cause upon expiration of the specified period only if:
- (i) At the inception of the tenancy, the landlord and tenant entered into a rental agreement of 12 months or more for a specified period, or the landlord and tenant have continuously and without interruption entered into successive rental agreements of 12 months or more for a specified period since the inception of the tenancy;
- (ii) The landlord has provided the tenant before the end of the specified period at least 60 days' advance written notice that the tenancy will be deemed terminated at the end of such specified period, served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040; and
- (iii) The tenancy has not been for an indefinite period on a month-to-month or periodic basis at any point since the inception of the tenancy.
- (d) For all other tenancies of a specified period not covered under (b) or (c) of this subsection, and for tenancies of an indefinite period on a month-to-month or periodic basis, a landlord may not terminate the tenancy except for the causes enumerated in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the end date of the tenancy of a specified period, the tenancy becomes a month-to-month tenancy.
- (e) Nothing prohibits a landlord and tenant from entering into subsequent lease agreements that are in compliance with the termination requirements in subsection (2) of this section.
- (f) A tenant may terminate a tenancy for a specified time by providing notice in writing not less than 20 days prior to the ending date of the specified time.
- (2) The following reasons listed in this subsection constitute cause pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
- (a) The tenant continues in possession in person or by subtenant after a default in the payment of rent, and after written notice requiring, in the alternative, the payment of the rent or the surrender of the detained premises has remained uncomplied with for the period set forth in RCW 59.12.030(3) for tenants subject to this chapter. The written notice may be served at any time after the rent becomes due;
- (b) The tenant continues in possession after substantial breach of a material program requirement of subsidized housing, material term subscribed to by the tenant within the lease or rental agreement, or a tenant obligation imposed by law, other than one for monetary damages, and after the landlord has served written notice specifying the acts or omissions constituting the breach and requiring, in the alternative, that the breach be remedied or the rental agreement will terminate, and the breach has not been adequately remedied by the date specified in the notice, which

- date must be at least 10 days after service of the notice;
- (c) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least three days' advance written notice to quit after he or she commits or permits waste or nuisance upon the premises, unlawful activity that affects the use and enjoyment of the premises, or other substantial or repeated and unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of the premises by the landlord or neighbors of the tenant;
- (d) The tenant continues in possession after the landlord of a dwelling unit in good faith seeks possession so that the owner or his or her immediate family may occupy the unit as that person's principal residence and no substantially equivalent unit is vacant and available to house the owner or his or her immediate family in the same building, and the owner has provided at least 90 days' advance written notice of the date the tenant's possession is to end. There is a rebuttable presumption that the owner did not act in good faith if the owner or immediate family fails to occupy the unit as a principal residence for at least 60 consecutive days during the 90 days immediately after the tenant vacated the unit pursuant to a notice of termination using this subsection (2)(d) as the cause for termination;
- (e) The tenant continues in possession after the owner elects to sell a single-family residence and the landlord has provided at least 90 days' advance written notice of the date the tenant's possession is to end. For the purposes of this subsection (2)(e), an owner "elects to sell" when the owner makes reasonable attempts to sell the dwelling within 30 days after the tenant has vacated, including, at a minimum, listing it for sale at a reasonable price with a realty agency or advertising it for sale at a reasonable price by listing it on the real estate multiple listing service. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner did not intend to sell the unit if:
- (i) Within 30 days after the tenant has vacated, the owner does not list the single-family dwelling unit for sale at a reasonable price with a realty agency or advertise it for sale at a reasonable price by listing it on the real estate multiple listing service; or
- (ii) Within 90 days after the date the tenant vacated or the date the property was listed for sale, whichever is later, the owner withdraws the rental unit from the market, the landlord rents the unit to someone other than the former tenant, or the landlord otherwise indicates that the owner does not intend to sell the unit:
- (f) The tenant continues in possession of the premises after the landlord serves the tenant with advance written notice pursuant to RCW 59.18.200(2)(c);
- (g) The tenant continues in possession after the owner elects to withdraw the premises to pursue a conversion pursuant to RCW 64.34.440 or 64.90.655;
- (h) The tenant continues in possession, after the landlord has provided at least 30 days' advance written notice to vacate that:
 (i) The premises has been certified or condemned as uninhabitable by a local agency charged with the authority to issue such an order; and (ii) continued habitation of the premises would subject the landlord to civil or criminal penalties. However, if the terms of the local agency's order do not allow the landlord to provide at least 30 days' advance written notice, the landlord must provide as much advance written notice as is possible and still comply with the order;
- (i) The tenant continues in possession after an owner or lessor, with whom the tenant shares the dwelling unit or access to a common kitchen or bathroom area, has served at least 20 days' advance written notice to vacate prior to the end of the rental term or, if a periodic tenancy, the end of the rental period;
- (j) The tenant continues in possession of a dwelling unit in transitional housing after having received at least 30 days' advance written notice to vacate in advance of the expiration of

the transitional housing program, the tenant has aged out of the transitional housing program, or the tenant has completed an educational or training or service program and is no longer eligible to participate in the transitional housing program. Nothing in this subsection (2)(j) prohibits the termination of a tenancy in transitional housing for any of the other causes specified in this subsection;

- (k) The tenant continues in possession of a dwelling unit after the expiration of a rental agreement without signing a proposed new rental agreement proffered by the landlord; provided, that the landlord proffered the proposed new rental agreement at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current rental agreement and that any new terms and conditions of the proposed new rental agreement are reasonable. This subsection (2)(k) does not apply to tenants whose tenancies are or have become periodic;
- (l) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least 30 days' advance written notice to vacate due to intentional, knowing, and material misrepresentations or omissions made on the tenant's application at the inception of the tenancy that, had these misrepresentations or omissions not been made, would have resulted in the landlord requesting additional information or taking an adverse action;
- (m) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least 60 days' advance written notice to vacate for other good cause prior to the termination of the period or rental agreement and such cause constitutes a legitimate economic or business reason not covered or related to a basis for termination enumerated under this subsection (2). When the landlord relies on this basis for termination of the tenancy, the court may stay any writ of restitution for up to 60 additional days for good cause shown, including difficulty procuring alternative housing. The court must condition such a stay upon the tenant's continued payment of rent during the stay period. Upon granting such a stay, the court must award court costs and fees as allowed under this chapter;
- (n)(i) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least 60 days' written notice to vacate prior to the termination of the period or rental agreement and the tenant has committed four or more of the following violations, other than ones for monetary damages, within the preceding 12-month period, the tenant has remedied or cured the violation, and the landlord has provided the tenant a written warning notice at the time of each violation: A substantial breach of a material program requirement of subsidized housing, a substantial breach of a material term subscribed to by the tenant within the lease or rental agreement, or a substantial breach of a tenant obligation imposed by law;
 - (ii) Each written warning notice must:
 - (A) Specify the violation;
 - (B) Provide the tenant an opportunity to cure the violation;
- (C) State that the landlord may choose to terminate the tenancy at the end of the rental term if there are four violations within a 12-month period preceding the end of the term; and
- (D) State that correcting the fourth or subsequent violation is not a defense to termination under this subsection;
 - (iii) The 60-day notice of termination must:
- (A) State that the rental agreement will terminate upon the specified ending date for the rental term or upon a designated date not less than 60 days after the delivery of the notice, whichever is later:
- (B) Specify the reason for the termination and supporting facts; and
- (C) Be served to the tenant concurrent with or after the fourth or subsequent written warning notice;
- (iv) The notice under this subsection must include all notices supporting the basis of termination;
 - (v) Any notices asserted under this subsection must pertain to

- four or more separate incidents or occurrences; and
- (vi) This subsection (2)(n) does not absolve a landlord from demonstrating by admissible evidence that the four or more violations constituted breaches under (b) of this subsection at the time of the violation had the tenant not remedied or cured the violation:
- (o) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least 60 days' advance written notice to vacate prior to the termination of the rental period or rental agreement if the tenant is required to register as a sex offender during the tenancy, or failed to disclose a requirement to register as a sex offender when required in the rental application or otherwise known to the property owner at the beginning of the tenancy;
- (p) The tenant continues in possession after having received at least 20 days' advance written notice to vacate prior to the termination of the rental period or rental agreement if the tenant has made unwanted sexual advances or other acts of sexual harassment directed at the property owner, property manager, property employee, or another tenant based on the person's race, gender, or other protected status in violation of any covenant or term in the lease.
- (3) When a tenant has permanently vacated due to voluntary or involuntary events, other than by termination of the tenancy by the landlord, a landlord must serve a notice to any remaining occupants who had coresided with the tenant at least six months prior to and up to the time the tenant permanently vacated, requiring the occupants to either apply to become a party to the rental agreement or vacate within 30 days of service of such notice. In processing any application from a remaining occupant under this subsection, the landlord may require the occupant to meet the same screening, background, and financial criteria as would any other prospective tenant to continue the tenancy. If the occupant fails to apply within 30 days of receipt of the notice in this subsection, or the application is denied for failure to meet the criteria, the landlord may commence an unlawful detainer action under this chapter. If an occupant becomes a party to the tenancy pursuant to this subsection, a landlord may not terminate the tenancy except as provided under subsection (2) of this section. This subsection does not apply to tenants residing in subsidized housing.
- (4) A landlord who removes a tenant or causes a tenant to be removed from a dwelling in any way in violation of this section is liable to the tenant for wrongful eviction, and the tenant prevailing in such an action is entitled to the greater of their economic and noneconomic damages or three times the monthly rent of the dwelling at issue, and reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (2)(d), (e), or (f) of this section permits a landlord to terminate a tenancy for a specified period before the completion of the term unless the landlord and the tenant mutually consent, in writing, to early termination and the tenant is afforded at least 60 days to vacate.
- (6) All written notices required under subsection (2) of this section must:
 - (a) Be served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040; and
- (b) Identify the facts and circumstances known and available to the landlord at the time of the issuance of the notice that support the cause or causes with enough specificity so as to enable the tenant to respond and prepare a defense to any incidents alleged. The landlord may present additional facts and circumstances regarding the allegations within the notice if such evidence was unknown or unavailable at the time of the issuance of the notice.
- **Sec. 3.** RCW 59.18.200 and 2019 c 339 s 1 and 2019 c 23 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1)(a) When premises are rented for an indefinite time, with monthly or other periodic rent reserved, such tenancy shall be

- construed to be a tenancy from month to month, or from period to period on which rent is payable, and shall be terminated by written notice of ((twenty)) 20 days or more, preceding the end of any of the months or periods of tenancy, given by ((either party)) the tenant to the ((other)) landlord.
- (b) Any tenant who is a member of the armed forces, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, or that tenant's spouse or dependent, may terminate a rental agreement with less than ((twenty)) 20 days' written notice if the tenant receives permanent change of station or deployment orders that do not allow a ((twenty)) 20-day written notice.
- (2)(a) Whenever a landlord plans to change to a policy of excluding children, the landlord shall give a written notice to a tenant at least ((ninety)) 90 days before termination of the tenancy to effectuate such change in policy. Such ((ninety)) 90-day notice shall be in lieu of the notice required by subsection (1) of this section. However, if after giving the ((ninety)) 90-day notice the change in policy is delayed, the notice requirements of subsection (1) of this section shall apply unless waived by the tenant.
- (b) Whenever a landlord plans to change any apartment or apartments to a condominium form of ownership, the landlord shall provide a written notice to a tenant at least ((one hundred twenty)) 120 days before termination of the tenancy, in compliance with RCW 64.34.440(1), to effectuate such change. The ((one hundred twenty day)) 120-day notice is in lieu of the notice required in subsection (1) of this section. However, if after providing the ((one hundred twenty day)) 120-day notice the change to a condominium form of ownership is delayed, the notice requirements in subsection (1) of this section apply unless waived by the tenant.
- (c)(i) Whenever a landlord plans to demolish or substantially rehabilitate premises or plans a change of use of premises, the landlord shall provide a written notice to a tenant at least ((one hundred twenty)) 120 days before termination of the tenancy. This subsection (2)(c)(i) does not apply to jurisdictions that have created a relocation assistance program under RCW 59.18.440 and otherwise provide ((one hundred twenty)) 120 days' notice.
 - (ii) For purposes of this subsection (2)(c):
- (A) "Assisted housing development" means a multifamily rental housing development that either receives government assistance and is defined as federally assisted housing in RCW 59.28.020, or that receives other federal, state, or local government assistance and is subject to use restrictions.
- (B) "Change of use" means: (I) Conversion of any premises from a residential use to a nonresidential use that results in the displacement of an existing tenant; (II) conversion from one type of residential use to another type of residential use that results in the displacement of an existing tenant, such as conversion to a retirement home, emergency shelter, or transient hotel; or (III) conversion following removal of use restrictions from an assisted housing development that results in the displacement of an existing tenant: PROVIDED, That displacement of an existing tenant in order that the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family may occupy the premises does not constitute a change of use.
- (C) "Demolish" means the destruction of premises or the relocation of premises to another site that results in the displacement of an existing tenant.
- (D) "Substantially rehabilitate" means extensive structural repair or extensive remodeling of premises that requires a permit such as a building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical permit, and that results in the displacement of an existing tenant.
- (((3) A person in violation of subsection (2)(c)(i) of this section may be held liable in a civil action up to three times the monthly rent of the real property at issue. The prevailing party may also

- recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.))
- **Sec. 4.** RCW 59.18.220 and 2019 c 23 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) ((In all)) Except as limited under section 2 of this act, in cases where premises are rented for a specified time, by express or implied contract, the tenancy shall be deemed terminated at the end of such specified time upon notice consistent with section 2 of this act, served in a manner consistent with RCW 59.12.040.
- (2) Any tenant who is a member of the armed forces, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, or that tenant's spouse or dependent, may terminate a tenancy for a specified time if the tenant receives permanent change of station or deployment orders. Before terminating the tenancy, the tenant, or that tenant's spouse or dependent, shall provide written notice of ((twenty)) 20 days or more to the landlord, which notice shall include a copy of the official military orders or a signed letter from the service member's commanding officer confirming any of the following criteria are met:
- (a) The service member is required, pursuant to a permanent change of station orders, to move ((thirty five)) 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises;
- (b) The service member is prematurely or involuntarily discharged or released from active duty;
- (c) The service member is released from active duty after having leased the rental premises while on active duty status and the rental premises is ((thirty-five)) 35 miles or more from the service member's home of record prior to entering active duty;
- (d) After entering into a rental agreement, the commanding officer directs the service member to move into government provided housing;
- (e) The service member receives temporary duty orders, temporary change of station orders, or active duty orders to an area ((thirty five)) 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises, provided such orders are for a period not less than ((ninety)) 90 days; or
- (f) The service member has leased the property, but prior to taking possession of the rental premises, receives change of station orders to an area that is ((thirty-five)) 35 miles or more from the location of the rental premises.
- **Sec. 5.** RCW 59.18.230 and 2020 c 315 s 6 and 2020 c 177 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1)(a) Any provision of a lease or other agreement, whether oral or written, whereby any section or subsection of this chapter is waived except as provided in RCW 59.18.360 and shall be deemed against public policy and shall be unenforceable. Such unenforceability shall not affect other provisions of the agreement which can be given effect without them.
- (b) A landlord may not threaten a tenant with eviction for failure to pay nonpossessory charges limited under RCW 59.18.283.
 - (2) No rental agreement may provide that the tenant:
- (a) Agrees to waive or to forgo rights or remedies under this chapter; or
- (b) Authorizes any person to confess judgment on a claim arising out of the rental agreement; or
- (c) Agrees to pay the landlord's attorneys' fees, except as authorized in this chapter; or
- (d) Agrees to the exculpation or limitation of any liability of the landlord arising under law or to indemnify the landlord for that liability or the costs connected therewith; or
- (e) And landlord have agreed to a particular arbitrator at the time the rental agreement is entered into; or
- (f) Agrees to pay late fees for rent that is paid within five days following its due date. If rent is more than five days past due, the landlord may charge late fees commencing from the first day after

the due date until paid. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a landlord from serving a notice to pay or vacate at any time after the rent becomes due.

- (3) A provision prohibited by subsection (2) of this section included in a rental agreement is unenforceable. If a landlord ((deliberately)) knowingly uses a rental agreement containing provisions known by him or her to be prohibited, the tenant may recover actual damages sustained by him or her, statutory damages not to exceed ((five hundred dollars)) two times the monthly rent charged for the unit, costs of suit, and reasonable attorneys' fees.
- (4) The common law right of the landlord of distress for rent is hereby abolished for property covered by this chapter. Any provision in a rental agreement creating a lien upon the personal property of the tenant or authorizing a distress for rent is null and void and of no force and effect. Any landlord who takes or detains the personal property of a tenant without the specific written consent of the tenant to such incident of taking or detention, and who, after written demand by the tenant for the return of his or her personal property, refuses to return the same promptly shall be liable to the tenant for the value of the property retained, actual damages, and if the refusal is intentional, may also be liable for damages of up to ((five hundred dollars)) \$500 per day but not to exceed ((five thousand dollars)) \$5,000, for each day or part of a day that the tenant is deprived of his or her property. The prevailing party may recover his or her costs of suit and a reasonable attorneys' fee.

In any action, including actions pursuant to chapters 7.64 or 12.28 RCW, brought by a tenant or other person to recover possession of his or her personal property taken or detained by a landlord in violation of this section, the court, upon motion and after notice to the opposing parties, may waive or reduce any bond requirements where it appears to be to the satisfaction of the court that the moving party is proceeding in good faith and has, prima facie, a meritorious claim for immediate delivery or redelivery of said property.

- **Sec. 6.** RCW 59.12.030 and 2019 c 356 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- ((A)) Except as limited under section 2 of this act relating to tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW, a tenant of real property for a term less than life is liable for unlawful detainer either:
- (1) When he or she holds over or continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, of the property or any part thereof after the expiration of the term for which it is let to him or her. When real property is leased for a specified term or period by express or implied contract, whether written or oral, the tenancy shall be terminated without notice at the expiration of the specified term or period;
- (2) When he or she, having leased property for an indefinite time with monthly or other periodic rent reserved, continues in possession thereof, in person or by subtenant, after the end of any such month or period, when the landlord, more than ((twenty)) 20 days prior to the end of such month or period, has served notice (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) requiring him or her to quit the premises at the expiration of such month or period;
- (3) When he or she continues in possession in person or by subtenant after a default in the payment of rent, and after notice in writing requiring in the alternative the payment of the rent or the surrender of the detained premises, served (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) on behalf of the person entitled to the rent upon the person owing it, has remained uncomplied with for the period of three days after service, or for the period of ((fourteen)) 14 days after service for tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW. The notice may be served at any time after the rent becomes due. For the purposes of this subsection and as applied to tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW, "rent" has the same meaning as defined in

RCW 59.18.030:

- (4) When he or she continues in possession in person or by subtenant after a neglect or failure to keep or perform any condition or covenant of the lease or agreement under which the property is held, including any covenant not to assign or sublet, other than one for the payment of rent, and after notice in writing requiring in the alternative the performance of such condition or covenant or the surrender of the property, served (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) upon him or her, and if there is a subtenant in actual possession of the premises, also upon such subtenant, shall remain uncomplied with for ((ten)) 10 days after service thereof. Within ((ten)) 10 days after the service of such notice the tenant, or any subtenant in actual occupation of the premises, or any mortgagee of the term, or other person interested in its continuance, may perform such condition or covenant and thereby save the lease from such forfeiture. For the purposes of this subsection and as applied to tenancies under chapter 59.18 RCW, "rent" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 59.18.030;
- (5) When he or she commits or permits waste upon the demised premises, or when he or she sets up or carries on thereon any unlawful business, or when he or she erects, suffers, permits, or maintains on or about the premises any nuisance, and remains in possession after the service (in manner in RCW 59.12.040 provided) upon him or her of three days' notice to quit;
- (6) A person who, without the permission of the owner and without having color of title thereto, enters upon land of another and who fails or refuses to remove therefrom after three days' notice, in writing and served upon him or her in the manner provided in RCW 59.12.040. Such person may also be subject to the criminal provisions of chapter 9A.52 RCW; or
- (7) When he or she commits or permits any gang-related activity at the premises as prohibited by RCW 59.18.130.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately."

On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "termination;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 59.18.220 and 59.12.030; reenacting and amending RCW 59.18.030, 59.18.200, and 59.18.230; adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency."

MOTION

Senator Short moved that the following floor amendment no. 594 by Senator Short be adopted:

On page 6, line 39, after "or" strike "terminate" and insert "end" On page 7, line 6, after "not" strike "terminate" and insert "end" On page 7, at the beginning of line 8, strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 7, at the beginning of line 14, strike "terminating" and insert "ending"

On page 7, line 20, after "may" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 7, line 29, after "deemed" strike "terminated" and insert "expired"

On page 7, line 37, after "not" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 8, at the beginning of line 3, strike "termination"

On page 8, line 4, after "may" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 8, line 23, after "will" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 9, line 4, after "notice" strike "of termination" and insert "to vacate"

On page 9, at the beginning of line 5, strike "termination" and insert "the lease ending"

On page 10, line 13, after "the" strike "termination" and insert "ending"

On page 10, line 33, after "to the" strike "termination" and insert "end"

On page 10, line 35, after "for" strike "termination" and insert "ending the lease as"

On page 10, at the beginning of line 37, strike "termination of" and insert "ending"

On page 11, line 4, after "the" strike "termination" and insert "end"

On page 11, line 17, after "to" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 11, line 21, after "to" strike "termination" and insert "the ending of the lease"

On page 11, line 22, after "notice" strike "of termination" and insert "to vacate"

On page 11, line 23, after "will" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 11, line 27, after "for" strike "the termination" and insert "ending the lease"

On page 11, line 32, after "of" strike "termination" and insert "ending the lease"

On page 12, at the beginning of line 1, strike "termination" and insert "end"

On page 12, at the beginning of line 8, strike "termination" and insert "end"

On page 12, line 14, after "than by" strike "termination" and insert "the ending"

On page 12, line 28, after "not" strike "terminate" and insert "end"

On page 12, line 38, after "to" strike "terminate" and insert "and"

On page 13, line 1, after "to" strike "early termination" and insert "ending the tenancy early"

On page 13, line 18, after "shall" strike "be terminated" and insert "((be terminated)) end"

On page 13, line 24, after "may" strike "terminate" and insert "((terminate)) end"

On page 13, line 30, after "before" strike "termination of" and insert "((termination of))"

On page 13, line 30, after "tenancy" insert "ends"

On page 13, line 39, after "before" strike "termination of" and insert "((termination of))"

On page 13, line 39, after "tenancy" insert "ends"

On page 14, line 10, after "before" strike "termination of" and insert "((termination of))"

On page 14, line 10, after "tenancy" insert "ends"

On page 15, line 7, after "deemed" strike "terminated" and insert "((terminated)) expired"

On page 15, line 12, after "may" strike "terminate" and insert "((terminate)) end"

On page 15, at the beginning of line 14, strike "terminating" and insert "((terminating)) ending"

On page 17, beginning on line 28, after "shall" strike "be terminated" and insert "((be terminated)) end"

Senators Short and Kuderer spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment to the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of floor amendment no. 594 by Senator Short on page 6, line 39 to striking floor amendment no. 576.

The motion by Senator Short carried and floor amendment no. 594 was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Gildon moved that the following floor amendment no. 595 by Senator Gildon be adopted:

On page 7, line 23, after "agreement of" strike "12" and insert "six"

On page 7, line 25, after "agreements of" strike "12" and insert "six"

Senator Gildon spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment to the striking amendment.

Senator Kuderer spoke against adoption of the amendment to the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of floor amendment no. 595 by Senator Gildon on page 7, line 23 to striking floor amendment no. 576.

The motion by Senator Gildon carried and floor amendment no. 595 was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

Senator Warnick moved that the following floor amendment no. 596 by Senator Warnick be adopted:

On page 8, after line 6, insert the following:

"(g) This section does not apply to a landlord who owns a rental property with no more than four dwelling units."

On page 13, line 21, after "landlord." insert "A landlord who owns a rental property with no more than four dwelling units may terminate a monthly or periodic tenancy by providing the tenant a written notice of 20 days or more, preceding the end of any of the months or periods of tenancy."

Senator Warnick spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment to the striking amendment.

Senator Kuderer spoke against adoption of the amendment to the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of floor amendment no. 596 by Senator Warnick on page 8, line 6 to striking floor amendment no. 576.

The motion by Senator Warnick carried and floor amendment no. 596 was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Liias, further consideration of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1236 was deferred and the bill held its place on the second reading calendar.

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072, by Representatives Lekanoff, Valdez, Wylie, Simmons, Kloba, Gregerson, Santos, Macri and Pollet

Removing only one of the restrictions on the use of civil legal aid funds.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the rules were suspended, House Bill No. 1072 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Pedersen spoke in favor of passage of the bill. Senator Padden spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1072.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1072 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 28; Nays, 21; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Braun, Brown, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, Honeyford, King, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1221, by House Committee on Children, Youth & Families (originally sponsored by Rule, Bateman, Shewmake, Lekanoff, Senn, Santos, Thai, Ortiz-Self, Ormsby, Callan, Ramel, Riccelli and Macri)

Standardizing homelessness definitions.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Darneille, the rules were suspended, Substitute House Bill No. 1221 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Darneille, Gildon and Lovelett spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1221.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1221 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 30; Nays, 19; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Gildon, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Braun, Brown, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Hawkins, Holy, Honeyford, King, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1221, having received the

constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

SECOND READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1424, by House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Walen, Ybarra, Springer, Simmons, Ramel and Berg)

Concerning consumer protection with respect to the sale of dogs and cats.

The measure was read the second time.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Mullet, the rules were suspended, Substitute House Bill No. 1424 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Mullet, King, Rivers and Randall spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Senators Dozier and Wilson, L. spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1424.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1424 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 31; Nays, 18; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Carlyle, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Das, Dhingra, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Rolfes, Saldaña, Salomon, Sheldon, Stanford, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Braun, Brown, Dozier, Ericksen, Fortunato, Gildon, Holy, Honeyford, Hunt, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Schoesler, Short, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1424, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

MOTION

At 4:29 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

Senator Hasegawa announced a meeting of the Democratic Caucus.

The Senate was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by President Heck.

REMARKS BY SENATOR BILLIG

Senator Billig: "Thank you Mr. President. I've got to say that when I was remote on Saturday and I had a photo in my background that I was going to comment on, I didn't have a chance. It was a picture of an institution in my district, in the 3rd Legislative District, in central Spokane. It happens to be the home

to the number one basketball team in the country, that will be playing tonight for the national championship. I want to wish them good luck, hopefully on behalf of the entire body and Go Zags!"

MOTION

At 5:06 p.m., on motion of Senator Liias, the Senate adjourned

until 10:00 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

BRAD HENDRICKSON, Secretary of the Senate

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